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SWEDISH DEFENCE MAJOR SAAB TO MAKE IN INDIA

The company will set up manufacturing facility to support production of its Carl-Gustaf M4 rifles in India

WILL MAKE COMPONENTS FOR EXPORT TOO

The facility will not only support production for Indian armed forces, but also weapon components for other users wordwide. It will be the first Saab facility outside Sweden to make Carl-Gustaf M4 rifles. The firm will partner with local sub-suppliers, its chairman Mats Palmberg said. However, there was no clear word on where the unit will be located

CARL-GUSTAF IN INDIAN ARSENAL SINCE 1976

- Carl-Gustaf M4 is a recoilless shoulder-fired weapon that, among other things, helps ground forces destroy enemy tanks
- It has been in service with the Indian Army since at least 1976 and has established itself as the main shoulder-launched weapon of the forces. It is also used by US forces

7kg
APPROXIMATE WEIGHT OF CARL-GUSTAF M4 RIFLE

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

GONE IN 1 SESSION Total 91 Overs: 32.3

1 Usman Khawaja c Kohli b Ashwin 5/9balls	2 David Warner lbw b Ashwin 10/41b	3 M Labuschagne lbw b Jadeja 17/28b	4 Steven Smith (not out) 25/51b	5 Matt Renshaw lbw b Ashwin 2/7b	6 Peter Handscomb lbw b Ashwin 6/6b	7 Alex Carey lbw b Ashwin 10/6b	8 Pat Cummins c Bharat b Jadeja 1/13b

9 Todd Murphy c Sharma b Patel 2/15b

10 Nathan Lyon b Mohd Shami 8/20b

11 Scott Boland lbw b Shami 0/3b

India players celebrate an Australia wicket during the first Test in Nagpur on Saturday. India go 1-0 up in four Test series | AP

THE GREAT AUSSIE MELTDOWN

FIROZ MIRZA @ Nagpur

IT was like lambs being led to the slaughterhouse. They came, they played, they left, making no visible dent to the scoresheet. At one point of time it looked like the wickets column moved at a faster clip than the runs scored section on the scoreboard.

In the end, Australia were shot out in a little over two hours. All out for 91 in 32.3 overs. Even for an Australian side who do not like travelling to India — they have won one Test (Pune in 2017) out of 14 since their series win in 2004 — this was a capitulation of epic proportions.

They had planned for this very challenge of batting on the slow, low spin-friendly Indian surfaces for months. Yet, it's the same old story of despair and helplessness in the face of ruthless efficiency. You could also say they allowed the pre-match pitch talk — not something uncommon — to play with their minds.

When that happens, India's bowlers are so good they calmly chew you up and spit you out. That's what took place on Saturday. The No. 1 ranked Test team knew what shots to avoid. They knew how to play. Yet, in the face of an onslaught of pace and spin, they tapped out.

The meltdown left everyone perplexed, even the Indian skipper Rohit Sharma, who scored a hundred in the first innings. "No, I didn't," is what he said when asked if he expected the match to end well inside three days. "We were prepared to have a hard day's bowling, spending session after session. We never thought they would get bowled out in a session." His Australian counterpart, Pat Cummins, also didn't have much to say on the dreadful session. "Not too much. Playing in India, the game really speeds up."

The visitors now have almost a week to prepare for Delhi. It will be a similar surface. Will they be better prepared?

ICC WOMEN'S T20 WORLD CUP

Captain Harmanpreet's role crucial as India go in search of global gold; Smriti Mandhana ruled out of the first match against Pakistan at Cape Town today | Page 11

England beat West Indies by seven wickets on Saturday. In the openeing match late on Friday, Sri Lanka beat hosts South Africa by just three runs

Modi tears into Cong-Left pact

They are friends in Tripura but foes in Kerala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tura (Meghalaya)

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday launched a blistering attack against the Congress-CPI(M) alliance in poll-bound Tripura, saying the two parties fight *kushti* (wrestling) in Kerala but have done *dosti* (friendship) in the north-eastern state.

Addressing a rally in Radhakishorepur in South Tripura district, he advised people to be wary of the double-edged sword of the Congress and Left. Apparently alluding to the Tipra Motha, he said while some parties were helping the Opposition alliance from behind, any vote for them will take Tripura several years backward.

Addressing another rally at Ambassa in the Dhalai district, he said the double-engine BJP government had brought Tripura back on the track of development in five years. Today, people do not associate Tripura with violence or backwardness. The change in Tripura is an example. The February 16 election in Tripura reflects the change," Modi said.

"You find flags of all parties now. Could other parties hoist their flags five years ago? The flag of only one party was allowed to be hoisted. That was their definition of democracy," Modi said about the 25-year Left rule that ended in 2018.

He alleged the Left had the licence to loot for three decades in the name of donations. "Nobody could escape from chanda (donations). People found it very difficult to go to police stations. They had to give *chanda* before as well as after reaching a police station. The police stations were under the control of CPM cadre. The BJP has freed Tripura from the *chanda* culture and established the rule of law," Modi said.

Recalling his commitment in Tripura five years ago about 'HIRA' (highway, internet, railway and airway), he said the highway work had been fast-paced and 5,000 km of roads built to connect the villages.

NIA nabs terror suspect techie in Bengaluru

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) and the Internal Security Division (ISD) of the Karnataka Police on Saturday nabbed a software engineer here for alleged links to the banned Al Qaeda in Indian Subcontinent (AQIS).

Mohammed Arif (40), who hails from Uttar Pradesh, was based in Bengaluru. He was allegedly "active on social media and was in contact with the Taliban and the al Qaeda", said sources on condition of anonymity. They added that Arif was planning to fly to Syria via Iran on March 10 and had bought air tickets.

The NIA and ISD in a joint operation raided Arif's rented house in Manjunath Layout, 1st Main, 5th Cross, Thanisandra Main Road on Saturday morning and seized his passport, air tickets, laptop and some incriminating documents. The operation was completed around 11.45 am.

"He is being questioned by the agencies," said sources. Arif is married and is living in Bengaluru with his wife and two children.

An NIA statement said they were probing two suspects in a terror conspiracy case, one in Bengaluru and the other in Palghar in Maharashtra, with active help of the ISD and the local police.

The traffic jam on Ballari Road near Yelahanka on Saturday | VINOD KUMAR T

Aero India: Thousands hit hard by traffic snarls

CHETAN MG @Bengaluru

DRESS rehearsals for the biennial Aero India 2023 on Saturday morning brought agony to Bengaluru in the form of a severe traffic jam on Ballari Road. It wrecked plans of those planning to witness the event and those who didn't, besides delaying several ambulances with critical patients from reaching hospitals.

Lack of coordination between the Department of Defence Production under the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and the Bengaluru Traffic police is being blamed for it.

Sources in the MoD told *TNSE* that a precise estimation of crowds expected at Air Force Station Yelahanka (AFSY), the venue of the five-day biennial Aero India 2023, for the full dress rehearsal on Saturday morning, was not conveyed to senior traffic police officials. Several global and domestic defence vendors displaying their wares at the event are worried after the pulverizing traffic jam ruined supply deadlines to get ready in time for the event to begin on February 13.

DCP (Traffic-North) Sachin Ghorpade said the traffic police were informed about only around 3,000 people coming to watch the dress rehearsals, but around 50,000 arrived. "Around 11,000 vehicles, more than the regular traffic, caused the problem. Usually, the public coming to the show are given entry through 12-13 gates in different places. But on Saturday, everyone was given entry through just 3-4 gates on a single road," he said, adding no restrictions or diversions were put in place.

Special Commissioner of Police (Traffic) MA Saleem, however, said traffic drills will be conducted on Sunday to put in place a plan to prevent such a traffic gridlock from occurring when the event begins on Monday.

Jowar shortage: Agri centre develops 2 new varieties

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayapura

IN the backdrop of shortage in production of jowar, a staple diet for the people of north Karnataka, the Regional Agriculture Research Station (RARS) in Vijayapura has developed two-high yielding varieties of the crop. Named BGV-44 and CSV-29, scientists believe that these two varieties will give a boost to jowar production.

S.S. Karbhantanal, chief scientist and head of Jowar Development Programme, said that sowing of the new varieties of seeds has been completed in limited areas on a trial basis. "The plants grow taller and can yield at least 25 per cent more grain compared to the regular one", he said.

About BGV-44, he said it is best suited for black cotton soil which holds more moisture. Similar is the quality of the CSV-29 variety.

"The varieties are better than the previous M-35-1. The new variety can give 8-10 quintal of grains and 22-25 quintals of fodder. Since the fodder too contains more moisture, it provides more nutrition to the cattle. Besides giving higher yield, the varieties are pest-resistant too," he added.

Presently, the varieties are available at a centre located near Hittinahalli village. Siddaramappa Navadagi, a farmer who has cultivated the CSV-29 variety, said that the plant carries more grains than the traditional variety. "I am hopeful of getting a higher yield with this variety", he said.

Gloom descends as Indian found dead in Turkiye hotel's rubble

Body may reach India by Monday
The body may arrive in Istanbul on Sunday and could reach New Delhi by Monday morning, Oxyplants India MD Ramesh Siddappa said

DONNA EVA & NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

THE lone Indian who was reported missing after devastating earthquakes struck Turkiye on February 6, was found dead on Saturday. His body was found beneath the rubble of the hotel he was staying at in Malatya in Turkiye's eastern Anatolia region.

Thirty-six-year-old Vijay Kumar was a technician working for Bengaluru-based Oxyplants India Pvt Ltd.

Kumar, who was from Lansdowne in Uttarakhand, arrived in Turkiye on January 25 to take up an assignment for his employer to install and commission an acetylene gas plant. He was due to leave in mid-February. His belongings, including his baggage and ID card, were found beneath the rubble of Hotal Avsar, where he was staying, on Friday. Kumar was identified by his family members based on photos sent by the rescue team.

Kumar's family members are struggling to come to terms with his death. "We were all expecting him to return from Turkiye soon. The last call from him was to his wife and family at 10 pm on February 6. The family has suffered a series of losses, as it was only in December 2022 that Kumar's father passed away," a family member, Gaurav Kala, told this newspaper.

She turned a detective to bring her stolen Husky back

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

LOVE for pets was on full display when a 20-year-old student left no stone unturned in tracing her stolen dog. The student, Chaitra, a resident of Rajajinagar, had to turn a 'cop' and a 'detective' to ensure that her 5-month-old Husky breed dog, 'Shourya', was back with her within three days after being stolen. Shourya had been sold for Rs 3,000.

Chaitra reached out to various WhatsApp groups of dog owners, animal activists and pet stores and found out that her dog was put on sale. She went around her locality and requested neighbours to share their CCTV footage. To her luck, she found that the registration number of the bike used for stealing Shourya was captured by the CCTV. The accused, fearing getting caught, had covered their faces with hoodies.

She got an alert from one of the WhatsApp groups, that a Husky dog, which looked like Shourya, was put on sale and the seller had also shared his contact details. She lodged a complaint with the Magadi Road police station.

"I went to Hebbal and it was confirmed that it was one Hemanth who lifted my dog along with another person who is a PU student."

Hemanth had also shared his number for those interested in buying Husky dogs. In the guise of a buyer, Chaitra, along with her friends, went to Hemanth's house and found out it was already sold. She then took the accused with her to meet the buyer and managed to get her dog back from the purchaser in Rajajinagar who happens to be the son of a retired police official.

Chaitra told *TNSE*, "Generally Husky dogs hate to be leashed. Along with him, we have another breed which opens the gate on its own. Shourya followed him and did not return home." About the complaint she lodged, Chaitra said, "since they are still young, I withdrew my complaint."

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• **Ritu:** Sishira • **Masa:** Magha • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Sapthami 4.55 am
• **Nakshatra:** Swathi 10.22 pm • Mesha in Vrischika Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 04:30 pm to 06:00 pm
• **Gulikakala:** 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm

WEATHER
MIN 16°C | MAX 32°C
FORECAST Morning clouds

Sunrise 6.43 am
Sunset 6.24 pm
Moonrise 11.45 pm
Moonset 10.52 am

EXCITEMENT IN AIR

Fighter aircraft put up a scintillating display of aerobatics during the full dress rehearsal of Aero India at Yelahanka Air Force station. Aircraft like LCA Tejas, DC-3 Dakota C17 Globemaster, and Suryakiran among others took part | VINOD KUMAR T

PM to inaugurate Aero India tomorrow

Bengaluru: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate Aero India 2023 at 9.30 am on Monday. As per the tentative tour programme, the PM will reach Bengaluru at 7.40 pm on Sunday and stay at Raj Bhavan. At 8.50 am on Monday, he will go by road to the Indian Air Force Training Command from where he will head to the Yelahanka Air Force station by MI-17 helicopter. The PM will take part in the Aero India inaugural ceremony from 9.30 am to 11.30 am. At 11.45 am, the PM will leave for Agartala by an Indian Air Force aircraft.

Special buses by BMTC on public days

BMTC will operate special buses to Air Force Station, Yelahanka from Kempegowda Bus station, KR Market, Shivajinagar Bus Station, Hebbal Ring Road Junction, Yelahanka (NES), Banashankari TTMC, Kengeri TTMC, Tin Factory and Yeshwanthpur TTMC. Ticket fares range from Rs 30-45 per passenger. People can also use the Vayuvajra services with ticket prices ranging from Rs 100 to Rs 215. As the flying display sessions commence from 10 am to 2 pm, BMTC will operate extra buses to the venue, said a press release. Public can park their vehicles at the above TTMCs and other places of BMTC and then board buses to reach the venue. BMTC will provide transport from parking places at GKVK and Jakkur towards Air Display Viewing Area Gate and vice-versa.

Airshow-stickered vehicles on flyovers

The traffic police have issued an advisory that the elevated road on Ballari Road from Esteem Mall will be closed for all types of vehicles between 8 am to 11.30 am on Monday. Only vehicles with valid vehicle passes for the Aero India show are allowed. "People going towards Yelahanka and adjoining areas may take the service road below the elevated road. People going to KIA may take alternate roads from Hennur Junction."

Saab to make Carl-Gustaf weapon system in India

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

SWEDISH aerospace and defence major Saab has come up with specific plans to set up a facility to manufacture Carl-Gustaf recoilless rifles for the Indian Army, besides offering a plethora of its cutting-edge military equipment to India, which they plan to display at the February 13-opening five-day Aero India 2023 in Bengaluru.

This is with an eye on partnering India in its Make In India journey to strengthen the company's manufacturing presence here.

"We are fully committed to enabling the Indian government's Atma Nirbhar approach to defence capability. Saab is setting up a manufacturing facility for Carl-Gustaf in India, further strengthening production in the country. The facility will support the production of the Carl-Gustaf M4 for the Indian Armed Forces, as well as components for users of the system around the world," Saab India Technologies Chairman and Managing Director, Mats Palmberg, said, adding that the company will also partner with Indian sub-suppliers, and the systems manufactured at the facility will fully meet the Make in India requirements.

The Carl-Gustaf M4 is a lightweight man-portable multi-role weapon system that provides high-tactical flexibility through a wide range of ammunition types, a release said.

Meanwhile, according to reports, Saab is offering the Indian Air Force the single- and two-seater variants of its Gripen combat aircraft. "We are offering both single and two-seater Gripen aircraft to India," said Palmberg, as quoted by an agency report.

In that direction, Saab will be demonstrating state-of-the-art technologies that make the Gripen E "the world's most modern multi-role fighter aircraft" at Aero India 2023.

It may be noted that the IAF is looking to acquire 114 combat aircraft to boost its squadron strength. Back in 2018, the IAF had come out with a $20-billion multi-role fighter aircraft (MRFA) request for proposal (RFP), which saw several leading manufacturers coming forward with their offerings for India. Apart from the Lockheed Martin F-21, Boeing FA-18, Dassault Rafale, Eurofighter Typhoon, the MiG-35 and others, the 4.5-generation Gripen E was a contender to bag IAF's large order.

"The Gripen E combines exceptional operational performance, a highly-advanced networked warfare capability, superior sensor fusion, unique BVR features and an adaptability for new threats, making it a true gamechanger," Saab said in the release.

The release added that its offer for the IAF also combines cost-efficiency with true transfer of technology and a comprehensive industrial partnership. Saab will be displaying a full-scale replica model of the Gripen E, besides the Gripen E Mission Simulator at the event.

Def ministers, air chiefs to participate in Aero India

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

THE boost for Make in India - Atma Nirbhar Bharat (ANB) - has caught the world's attention.

This edition of Aero India for the first time will have many firsts to showcase India's prowess in defence capability and manufacturing and to live up to its theme of 'The runway to a billion opportunities.'

For the first time since its inception since 1996, the biennial air show will see the participation of Defence Ministers from 25 countries, said A Bharat Bhushan Babu, Additional Director General (ADG), Media & Communications, Ministry of Defence (MoD). In an exclusive chat with TNIE, he said the MoD had sent out invitations to 160 countries for their Defence Ministers, Air Chiefs and equivalent level VIPS and, "we have received confirmation from 80 countries. Out of these, Defence Ministers from 25 countries and deputy defence ministers from other 25 countries have confirmed their participation. The numbers will, however, be dynamic," said the MoD spokesperson.

He added that this was a sequel to the earlier conclaves - the India-Africa Defence Ministers Conclave in Lucknow during the DefExpo on February 06, 2020, and the India-Africa Defence Dialogue (IADD) on October 18, 2022, on the sidelines of the 12th DefExpo in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Besides the international defence dignitaries, this year's Aero India will see the CEO round table, in which 100 CEOs of top aerospace and defence companies, including Lockheed Martin, Rafale, Airbus, Boeing and Safran among others will participate. "The response to Aero India has been overwhelming. It shows that that the world wants to be part of India's growth story," said Babu.

"Our expectation from the global participation in Aero India is to forge partnerships and urge them to invest here. We have the ecosystem, manpower and infrastructure to expand defence exports. We are developing defence technologies that are on the cutting edge," he added.

There will be a lot of emphasis on drone technology in the air show. "Drones are coming up in a big way and will play a major role in future conflicts. There will be special focus on drones in the air show," said an informed source.

'Manthan' - the segment on defence innovation will also be a highlight of the five-day show. "The MoD collects problems from the three services and puts them across to the start ups to come out with viable solutions. We will hand hold these start ups and back them with financial support," said the spokesperson..

Speaking about ANB, Babu said, "Make in India has really taken off. Out of last year's budget, which for the first time had earmarked Rs 86,000 crore for capital procurement from the domestic industry, Rs 68,000 crore has already been spent. The domestic industry has exported Rs 13,000 crore worth defence equipment to 70 countries. We have identified equipment, which cannot be imported beyond a certain time limit to boost domestic manufacturing. The 41 Defence Ordnance Factories have been regrouped into seven Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and have been vested with autonomy and decision making powers. We can see the change. Munitions India Limited is exporting and DRDO is transferring technology free of royalty to the private industry. We have thrown open our testing facilities to the private industry," added the MoD spokesperson.

Thousands witness aerobatics

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THOUSANDS of people witnessed the full dress rehearsal of defence aircraft that are taking part in Aero India 2023. LCA Tejas, Sukhoi 30 MKI, Jaguar, MiG-29, Rafale, C17 Globemaster, DC-3 Dakota, Suryakiran, P-8 Poseidon, Advanced Light Helicopter, Light Utility Helicopter, Rudra, ALH Coast Guard variant, Apache, LCH, Mi-17, Sarang and others put up a breathtaking performance.

More than 2,000 students belonging to the economically weaker section of the society hailing from SC, ST and Backward Class communities from remote parts of Karnataka were given an opportunity to witness the show.

The Social Welfare Department's government residential school students from various ashrams, Moraji Desai and KRIES schools travelled from remote areas of Attibele, Jadigenahalli and Chikkaballapur to see the extravaganza.

The initiative was a defining moment for students from more than 200 government residential schools which helped foster a sense of national pride and patriotism in their hearts. The children seemed thrilled and motivated to witness the show.

US Edu Trade Mission to visit India in Sept

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THE US Department of Commerce will lead an Education Trade Mission to India in September, visiting Bengaluru, Mumbai and New Delhi.

As many as 21 US Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from 15 US states will visit India from September 12 to 16. "The trade mission will identify and promote opportunities for collaboration between Indian and American institutes of higher education. The announcement of India's National Education Policy in 2020 outlined an aggressive plan to revamp and expand India's higher education system, including expansion of research, experiential learning, and internationalisation of curricula. US HEIs bring a wealth of experience and best practices in these areas to support India in achieving its education goals," the department said in a release.

The US HEIs will meet with several HEIs in India as well as central and state governments for collaborations and partnerships as well as take part in several student fairs. "The trade mission will explore new partnerships in education and will further strengthen the strong and growing higher education ties between the United States and India," said Chargé d'Affaires Patricia A Lacina.

The trade mission will identify and promote opportunities for collaboration between Indian and American institutes of higher education – US Department of Commerce

NOT JUST A GAME

Gadag Cricket League, part of Gadag Habba, brings together rural and urban sports enthusiasts, providing them a platform to showcase their talent

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

IN a world that is divided by religion, language, race, and wars, there are a few connective tissues that still bind people. The most important and time-tested of these is sports. In the 8th Century, countries followed Olympic Truce -- which began seven days before the opening of the Olympic Games and ended on the seventh day following the closing of the Games — when all conflicts were temporarily suspended so that athletes, their families and visitors could travel to participate in the Games and return without trouble. In modern history, the purpose of the Games has remained the same — to unite and inspire people — so much so that in the 2018 Winter Olympics, both Koreas walked unitedly during the opening ceremony.

Closer home, we have the Indian Premier League (IPL), which is beamed into our drawing rooms every summer. Following the IPL pattern is the Gadag Premier League, which is held as part of Gadag Habba.

Gadag Habba, which has competitions for traditional sports -- including the Gadag Cricket League, has been attracting huge urban and rural crowds. Organised by the Gadag Cultural Academy, the sporting extravaganza lends a platform for rural and urban youth to showcase their talent. Apart from cricket, desi games like carrom, lagori, dangal, buguri, and marbles, besides cricket, kho-kho, football, kabaddi, karate and other indoor and outdoor games, are organised.

With 130 teams from across Gadag district participating this time, GCL is proving to be a catalyst for popularising sports and, more importantly, uniting people.

GCL was launched by Anil Menasinkai under his organisation Gadag Cultural Academy in 2011, to give a platform for sportspersons from North Karnataka.

The event resembles IPL with local businessmen sponsoring some teams and the Gadag Cultural Academy footing other expenses.

A Gadag Cricket League match under way as part of Gadag Habba

GCL was scheduled to be held at Gadag's outdoor stadium in October, but was postponed to December because of incessant rain. Teams from all the 35 wards in Gadag town and villages across the district and surrounding taluks participated. Initially, the cricket matches attracted moderate crowds, but by the second week of January, thousands of people started gathering. From rural areas, people rode in on tractors to root for their teams. Entry is free to encourage community participation. Some cable TV channels also stream it live on TVs and social media platforms.

Kantesh Hanagal, an entrepreneur from Gadag town, said, "GCL now attracts good crowds. Such events should be held frequently to encourage and support local players. Gadag Cultural Academy is doing a good job and we hope many players participate at the national and international level."

Menasinkai said, "We have organised the third edition of GCL, and this time, we got a good response from the youth, especially from rural areas. Some women from rural areas showed interest in desi sports competitions. Our organisation is striving to turn Gadag into a sports city. Our players are now shining at the national and international level, and if we provide a good platform, youngsters can reach great heights."

Gadag Utsav, also called Gadag Habba, was kickstarted with a traditional dice game in Gadag town last August. PWD Minister CC Patil and MP Shivakumar Udasi inaugurated it with senior dice players from the district.

KPCC president D K Shivakumar, who is keen on winning over the dominant Vokkaliga community and farmers in Mandya district, played the farmer card and announced that he is committed to implementing the much-awaited Mekedatu project. He said that they had taken out Mekedatu padayatra and wanted the project to protect the interests of the people of Mandya and meet drinking water needs of Bengalureans

Namma Clinics open, but staff crunch in many

Apart from human resources, few don't have adequate facilities; Will make them run smoothly soon: Chief health officer

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DESPITE delaying the inauguration of Namma Clinics in Bengaluru and ensuring full preparedness, a few irregularities, including lack of adequate staff to run the show, have been noticed.

Medical officers complained that no 'Group D' workers have been posted at the clinics, making it difficult to run the show. Staff nurses, and lab technicians too are yet to arrive at a few clinics.

A medical officer at Namma Clinic in Shantala Nagar said they do not have a staff nurse yet. Another medical officer from the clinic situated at Jeevan Bima Nagar said the facility does not have a Group D employee to keep the premises clean.

Apart from human resources, the clinics also do not have adequate facilities. At some centres, mattresses are missing from the doctor's examination table. But medical officers are managing by putting bed spreads on tables.

But Dr KV Thrilok Chandra, special commissioner (health), Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, denied that doctors' tables do not have mattresses. He maintained that all clinics were well equipped.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Health Officer Dr AN Balasundar said they were given just a three-day notice to inaugurate all the 108 clinics in Bengaluru. Though clinics were prepared in all other aspects, Group D employees had not been hired to avoid the expense of paying them before the inauguration, he added.

The contractors hired to onboard Group D workers are identifying and recruiting staffers, the chief health officer said. These problems are temporary as the clinics were inaugurated only recently. In a few weeks, all clinics will run smoothly, he added.

Several medical officers also opined that the Clinics are a good initiative in providing free healthcare services to the poor people especially.

HEALTH MATTERS

Increase fund allocation, open more PHCs: Experts

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IN the run-up to 2023 state budget to be tabled by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on February 17, experts have highlighted the pain points in Karnataka's healthcare sector, urging the state government to increase the fund allocation for the sector and increase the number of primary health centres (PHCs), trauma care facilities and availability of essential medicines.

Dr Azad Moopen, founder chairman and managing director, Aster DM Healthcare, said digitisation is a key factor in improving healthcare in the post-pandemic era and more government projects need to be launched. Focus should be given on technology intervention and on digitising monitoring of all primary health centres, he added.

Dr Sylvia Karpagam, public health doctor and researcher opined that the primary healthcare infrastructure must be strengthened. She said students should be provided with proper toilets and potable drinking water facilities, sanitary napkins and eggs in all government and government-aided schools across the state.

Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) workers, pourakarmikas and even Anganwadi workers should be given permanent employment as they form an integral part of the healthcare sector.

The government should establish a healthcare fund to provide people low-cost capital support with dedicated viability gap funding for public-private partnership (PPP) projects and subsidies for medical equipment and financial benefits such as land concession rates for development of projects, Dr Moopen said.

RUN-UP TO BUDGET 2023-24

The private sector can be made a partner in establishing medical/nursing colleges in all the district headquarters of the state, which will help in increasing the levels of treatment, as well as in capacity building by training more medical professionals, Dr Moopen added.

Dr Karpagam said that investment should also made into research and development (R&D) in the health sector and efforts should be made towards cumulating quality data over several health indices.

ASSEMBLY POLLS

Field Brahmins in 25 seats, forum urges political parties

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THE All-Karnataka Brahmin Mahasabha has demanded that Brahmins be given tickets in 25 Assembly constituencies, including Bengaluru's Jayanagar, Basavangudi, Rajajinagar, Padmanabhanagar, Chikpete and Malleswaram, which have a considerable population of the community.

The All-Karnataka Brahmin Mahasabha led by its president Ashok Haranahalli, former Advocate General of Karnataka, passed a resolution in this regard.

Community leaders from all districts of the state participated in the All- Karnataka Brahmin Mahasabha's state executive meeting here on Saturday.

"The community members feel that in many Assembly segments

where their numbers are more, political parties are not considering Bramhins as candidates. The Mahasabha will mount pressure (on parities) in the coming days to ensure that deserving candidates from the community get tickets in the Assembly polls," Haranahalli said.

"Brahmin voters have increased in many Assembly constituencies in Bengaluru. Hence, not just Bharatiya Janata Party, but all parties should come forward to give political power to Brahmins without any discrimination." said a Mahasabha member.

DON'T ROB CITIZENS OF LAND: HC TO GOVT

LAND ACQUISITION

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THE Karnataka High Court pulled up the state government for not paying compensation for 16 years for lands acquired by the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) adjacent to a village that is close to the flying zone of the Kempegowda International Airport in Devanahalli.

"The government cannot act as a robber of citizens' lands. Taking away private lands for the purported public purpose sans compensation is against the spirit of constitutional guarantee enacted under Article 300A, the fundamental right to property no longer being on the statute book, notwithstanding. It hardly needs to be stated that the state and its instrumentalities are constitutionally expected to conduct themselves with fairness and reasonableness in all their actions", said Justice Krishna S Dixit, directing the government to pay the compensation to the petitioners with 12 per cent interest.

The petitioners MV Guruprasad and Nandini M Guruprasad, residing at JP Nagar in the city, moved the court for not being paid compensation for the acquisition of their land. Petitioners, by their representation dated January 9, 2013, had requested the KIADB to pay the compensation for having taken their lands in 2007.

The court noted that the lands of the petitioners were allotted to the entrepreneurs at a price of Rs 2.5 crore per acre, that too after giving a rebate of 50 per cent of the market value.

"This court is bewildered as to how the compensation lawfully payable has been withheld when it was obviously due for payment to the petitioners. But there is no plausible explanation as to why the payment of compensation is withheld for a decade and a half. It hardly needs to be stated that payment of compensation is essential when private property is acquired for public purpose which is mandate is 'in-built' in Article 300A", the court said.

"Such conduct reinforces the shackles of a feudalistic attitude from which the transformative character of our Constitution seeks to liberate. Their action in not paying the compensation is not only grossly violative of property rights constitutionally guaranteed under Article 300A but gnaws at overarching objectives of a welfare state ordained under the Constitution", the court observed.

CRIME PATROL

Biker crashes into median on Sirsi Circle flyover, dies

Bengaluru: A bike rider has died while the pillion rider has sustained severe injuries in a road traffic accident on the Sirsi Circle flyover. The rider suspected to have been over speeding lost control on the bike and hit the centre median around 11 pm on Friday. The traffic police who found eight mobile phones in the two-wheeler are suspecting the rider to be a mobile thief. The victim has been identified as Kabir Pasha who died on the spot. The police are suspecting that the duo have met with the accident while escaping after snatching a mobile phone. The body was shifted to Victoria Hospital mortuary for postmortem. The City Market traffic police have registered a case and are further investigating.

BTP RAKES IN MOOLAH

Saturday was the last day to avail Bengaluru Traffic Police's 50% concession on traffic fines. Citizens stood in long queues to escape paying the total penalty. As of 9pm on Saturday, Rs 1,20,76,40,161 (Rs 120 crore) was collected as fine from February 3, the day the new rule was implemented | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

SWEET NEWS

You can reverse diabetes, this clinic shows how

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THERE is hope for diabetics, as their condition is reversible with a proper diet, daily exercise, reduced stress and sound sleep, which is what doctors at Reversal Diabetes Clinic (RDC), Narayana Nethralaya are doing.

Of the 4,000 registered patients, 500 have gone back to their pre-diabetic days, the clinic claimed.

Narayana Netralaya Chairman **Dr Bhujang Shetty** said, "If the condition is in its initial stages and a person has been diabetic for two-three years, the condition could start reversing within weeks and may completely reverse within a month or two. But if one is diabetic for a long time, say for 10, 15, or 20 years, then it may take longer."

The patients have to follow a strict diet that includes a low carbohydrate and healthy fat diet. Sugar, sweets and grains are strictly prohibited. "Patients are encouraged to eat more non-starchy vegetables, which could be stir-fried before every meal. Plenty of vegetables can also be eaten in any form along with healthy fats, like butter, ghee, coconut oil, and groundnut oil -- all cold-pressed and not refined. Protein is normally around 20-25 per cent of their diet. Fruits should be avoided as they are high in sugars," he said.

The metric for diabetes is HbA1c and any person with a count of over 6.6 is considered a diabetic. "With a proper diet, remission can be achieved and the HbA1c level can be brought to pre-diabetic levels of 5.7 to 6.4 or can even be brought to the normal level of 5.6 or less. But patients should continue with the diet and physical activity. Otherwise, it is of no use," said Dr Mala Dharmalingam from Bengaluru Endocrine and Research Centre.

HOW TO DO IT

Under the programme for diabetes reversal, 60 per cent focus is on a strict diet, 10 per cent each on physical activity, reduction of stress and proper sleep of eight hours. A patient should consume a low-carb and healthy-fat diet, and he/she need not take tablets or insulin.

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Dr Bhujang Shetty

2 murdered in separate incidents; accused were known to victims

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IN two separate murders reported in KS Layout and Varthur police station limits respectively, two persons have been murdered by people known to them.

A fight between two neighbours at a bar in Varthur has resulted in the murder of one of them. The deceased has been identified as Muniyappa, 45, a resident of Dommasandra who is a tempo driver by profession. The accused has been identified as Sridhar, 24, a vegetable vendor. The incident happened on late Friday night at the SSS bar located on the Halasahalli main road in Varthur. Both the victim and the accused are residents of the same area.

Muniyappa and Sridhar's father are friends. The victim is alleged to have complained about Sridhar's drinking habits to his father. Sridhar after getting to know about this from his father started fighting with Muniyappa. Both of them who had gone to the same bar started fighting under the influence of alcohol. During the heated argument, the accused is alleged to have attacked the victim with a machete. Sridhar has been arrested by the police.

The Varthur police have registered a case.

In the murder reported in KS Layout, 25-year-old Sharath Kumar, a food delivery boy was stabbed to death by his friend Lokesh on Friday night near Konanakunte. Both of them who were once extremely close later parted ways over some financial dispute. The duo who were under the influence of alcohol came face to face on Friday night and started fighting again. Kumar initially attacked Lokesh with the knife. The latter who managed to pull the knife from Kumar stabbed him. Lokesh who has sustained stab injuries is undergoing treatment in a hospital.

The KS Layout police have registered a case.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client, Mrs. Pallavi Babu, D/o Late R.K. Babu, who is the co-owner of the lands in Sy.No.1, 78/1, 78/2, 78/3, 78/4, 78/5, 78/6, 120 of Maragondanahalli Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk (herein after referred to as the Schedule Properties), commenced the suit in OS No.648/2023 on the file of the City Civil Judge, at Bengaluru against her mother, Mrs. Rathna .S and brothers, Mr. Sunil Babu, Mr. Anil Babu and sister, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi and others seeking partition and separate possession of 1/5th share in the Schedule Properties and other joint family properties. Hon'ble court vide order dated 30th January 2023 was pleased to grant Ad-Interim order of ex-part Temporary Injunction restraining Mrs. Rathna .S, Mr. Sunil Babu, Mr. Anil Babu and Mrs. Vijayalakshmi from alienating or creating any manner of third party rights over the Schedule Properties and other suit schedule properties till next date of hearing. All persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with Mrs. Rathna .S, Mr. Sunil Babu, Mr. Anil Babu and Mrs. Vijayalakshmi in respect of the Schedule Properties.

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The Aam Aadmi Party is likely to hold a demonstration outside the state BJP office in Bengaluru on Sunday and simultaneously across the state against Prime Minister Narendra Modi over what they alleged his silence over the Adani-Hindenburg row

'KARNATAKA CROSSED 2030 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION TARGET SET BY PM IN 2021 ITSELF'

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EXPRESS Dialogues

OVER half of Karnataka's total installed capacity is through Renewable sources and the State is attracting a lot of investments in the green energy sector. The State has the right mix of thermal, hydel, Solar & wind energy and the mixed source of energy generation is an advantage for the state to tide over any crisis, though the emphasis is on moving on to green energy in the long term, **G Kumar Naik**, senior IAS officer who was Additional Chief Secretary, Energy Department, told *TNSE* editors and staff during an interaction. Excerpts.

How is the power situation in Karnataka?
We are extremely comfortable. Power is a commodity which is supplied and consumed immediately. If I say it is surplus today, it is only for today. If the demand increases tomorrow, whatever surplus we call will vanish and it will become a deficit depending on the availability of source. In January, there was a demand for 14,962 MW at one particular time, which is an all-time high and we were able to meet it. In Karnataka, demand will be more from January to March. However, in April, there might be high demand in Ballari, whereas in Bengaluru, summer showers would have come and demand might have come down. At the same time, agricultural demand in summer would have come down. If I plan to supply and meet all the demands, I am self-sufficient. Karnataka is able to meet it.

How is the situation for the power supply during summer?
Absolutely no problem. The last summer months have been managed quite well without load shedding even though the entire country was facing coal shortage.

What is Karnataka's installed capacity?
Our installed capacity to generate power is more than 31,000 MW — all these do not necessarily come at one time. Certain sources come only during one particular time — like solar in the day time and wind energy during morning or evening hours. This means, at any given time, I only plan for 15,000 to 18,000 MW of peak to be met. Depending on the needs, I can reduce energy generation from coal plants and go for more friendly renewable sources. We can customize it according to the requirements.

What is the status of renewable energy generation?
Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set a robust target of 50 per cent of power generation through renewable energy by 2030. Karnataka has already achieved it in 2021. Out of the total installed capacity of 31,669 MW in Karnataka, 15,909 MW is from renewable energy sources. This was possible as Karnataka has notified a separate policy for solar energy in 2011. Later, in 2018, it implemented a first-of-its-kind 2,050 MW Solar Park in Pavagada and distributed generation of 20 MW in each of 109 taluks. There is also a biomass/co-generation energy source, most of which sugarcane industries themselves are using.

How are domestic users involved in producing energy?
European countries are leading when it comes to domestic users producing power. In India, the Central government is giving a 40 per cent subsidy on the installation of solar panels. The efficiency of solar panels has increased. At present, in Karnataka, 280 MW of energy is generated through the rooftop of which over 40 per cent is from domestic households, most of which are in Bengaluru and Mysuru. The cost of installing domestic rooftop solar panels is around Rs 56,000 to Rs 66,000 per KW.

What is the status of power generation through hydro and thermal units?
We are in a good position. Huge amount of water is stored in places where hydel energy is generated. We generate around 3,798 MW through hydro stations. We have received good rains in the last few years and getting good rains will make us feel safe. Hydro machines are very flexible and can work very conveniently. You can start and stop as and whenever you want. The advantage of having a thermal station is that one can go on adding coal, and need not have to depend on any particular season. Coal is abundant. However, it takes time to start or stop the operations. Unlike hydel power stations, thermal power cannot be started or stopped immediately. It becomes expensive.

Karnataka faced a coal shortage sometime back. How is it now?
There was a coal shortage across the country. India tried importing coal and sorting out the issue. In Karnataka, we do not solely depend on coal as we have mixed sources of energy generation. If there is no coal, we have alternatives. That is why we could overcome the issue despite the coal shortage. Since we do not depend on just water and coal, we are in a better position. We have wind and other means as well. Ideally, we should have a sufficient stock of coal or we should be in a place where we can access coal immediately. Ballari and Raichur are hundreds of kilometres away from coal fields. Anything can happen... There can be strikes at coal fields, rain, and railway wagon issues and it can spoil days together.

In the long term, we have to do away with coal ...
Long-term is a really long term and we do not know when. Right now, the consensus across the country is that we should not add additional or new capacities of thermal. At present, we are thinking of reducing coal usage or stress on not putting additional thermal units and focusing more on renewable energy. Even to do this, we have many challenges, including rethinking topography and transmission systems. We need to reorient our electrical system. When we say energy generation, we are not using electricity alone. We need energy more than electricity and we think of green energy, for which we need renewable sources, including solar and wind. The batteries used for vehicles need to be charged and the energy has to be green energy. There are electric vehicles and hydrogen vehicles.

What is the per capita energy consumption?
In other countries, people are consuming more energy per capita as compared to India. If we are going to follow a similar lifestyle pattern, we will also be consuming more and more energy. Just domestic consumption, the national average is 1,200 units, whereas in Karnataka it is moderate. In Bengaluru, consumption is more, whereas outside, in some places, just a light bulb is sufficient, not the gadgets.

In the Global Investors Meet (GIM), many companies signed MoUs for energy generation. What is the status?
Most of the investments in the recent GIM (Global Investors' Meet) were related to renewable energy and green hydrogen. We are following it up.

Is our transmission system equipped to handle the additional load?
The transmission system has to be improved substantially. Energy should be transferred from internal part of Karnataka or some other places where high RE sources are installed to Coastal area near ports to convert energy into hydrogen. Transmission line should pass through eco sensitive western Ghat forest area and getting forest clearance is a very huge challenge. In Karnataka, we have limited coastal regions and the hydrogen plants are to be established in these areas and exported to different countries in huge tanks. But the challenge is the topography. If we want to get energy from internal areas of the State to Coastal Karnataka, it has to pass through the eco-sensitive western Ghat forest area. Maybe technological solution will help to mitigate this issue.

What is the percentage of loss in transmission and distribution?
Over a period of time, this loss has been reduced drastically. It was more than 25 per cent sometime back when KEB was there. Now it has reduced to 11 per cent. Commercial loss can vary including not billing properly, not paying bills or power theft.

Why can't we have cables underground?
It is very expensive. The underground cables are more than many times costlier as compared to overhead lines. Underground cables are safe and power transmission can be uninterrupted underground. But it comes with a huge cost.

What about supplying power to farmers?
Power supply to farmers is based on the availability of water and their need for a particular crop. Each crop needs different requirements. Agriculture demand is huge. They are demanding power supply during the daytime. Solar has come in handy for us. Karnataka is the first State to start the programme of distributed generation where solar power panels were installed at each taluk with 20 MW capacity. After we did, the government of India came up with a subsidy to put panels near farming land. They are encouraging people to take it up.

Any plans to collaborate with other agencies to put up charging stations on highways to charge electric vehicles?
Many are coming forward. There is a plan.

What made you choose IAS?
At home, we had government officials and all of them looked up to IAS. They said if you become an IAS, you can do so many changes. Also I studied at Ramakrishna Ashram where the seer encouraged and motivated me to take up social services.

Will you vote for believers of Tipu or Rani Abbakka, Shah asks voters

VINCENT D'SOUZA
@ Puttur (Dakshina Kannada)

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday tore into the Opposition Congress and JDS by branding them as "corrupt" and added that "a vote for JDS is a vote for Congress".

Addressing the golden jubilee celebrations of Campco in Puttur, Shah appealed to people to support BJP in the upcoming Karnataka Assembly elections stating that vote for BJP will see the emergence of a new Karnataka and a new India under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He attacked the Opposition by asking the audience as to whether they will support Congress and JDS which believes in Tipu Sultan or BJP which believes in Rani Abbakka. He alleged that the Gandhi family has made Karnataka their ATM and said the Congress and JDS can't do good for the state. "Karnataka is safe only under BJP rule," he claimed. He said while Congress released 1,700 PFI workers from jail, PM Modi banned PFI. "Karnataka can be safe only in BJP regime and under Modi's leadership. Modi made the country safe by ending terrorism and Naxalism. Congress and JDS were against abrogation of Article 370 but Modi stood the ground and stopped bloodshed in Jammu and Kashmir," Shah added.

Showering praises on former CM BS Yediyurappa, who was also present on the occasion, Shah said people still remember the former's regime. "Farmers' welfare happened under Yedyurappa's rule and the whole country remembers it," Shah said. Listing the achievements of BJP government to Dakshina Kannada, Shah said they have taken initiative to generate hydrogen power, install plastic park, develop Mangaluru as a startup hub etc. Separate ministries for fisheries and cooperation, Pradhan Mantri Matsyagandha scheme, tunnel road in Shiradi Ghat, upgrading Mangalore Port, and MRPL expansion will immensely help the region, he added.

MANGALURU-GUJARAT CONNECT

Amit Shah said people of Gujarat share a unique and strong bond with Mangaluru because of arecanut. "While people of Mangaluru shed sweat to grow arecanut, Gujarat people eat supari and shed sweat," he said. Stating that he watched the superhit Kannada movie 'Kantara', Shah was all praise for the rich culture and heritage of Karnataka and termed it as a sacred land. He congratulated Campco and said the successful 50 years of a cooperative organisation is an indication of its leadership's honesty in serving farmers. He said the Union Budget has announced setting up of 2 lakh multi-dimensional PACS at panchayat level and added that it will benefit the farming community.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah flanked by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, former chief minister BS Yediyurappa and BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel, at Kenjar near Mangaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

Home Minister meets BJP leaders, discusses strategies to win elections

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mangaluru

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday instructed BJP leaders to pull up their socks and strive hard to bring the party back to power in Karnataka. Shah chaired the core committee meeting of the BJP's Mangaluru and Shivamogga divisions in which party leaders, including CM Basavaraj Bommai, former CM BS Yediyurappa, were present.

Briefing the media, Yediyurappa said that the meeting discussed strategies that need to be adopted to win the polls. "Amit Shah asked us to visit every village before the polls. He has directed BJP workers to visit every household and engage ourselves in election campaign to strengthen the party. Shah will convene another meeting in the coming days," Yediyurappa said.

Dakshina Kannada district minister V Sunil Kumar said that Shah gave tips on winning four constituencies where BJP lost to Congress in the last election of the 33 segments in Mangaluru and Shivamoga divisions. He said Shah was the opinion that BJP should form government on its own. "We are all energised by the meeting and we will definitely win with a clear majority. A survey is underway and the party will decide on candidates," former minister KS Eshwarappa said. About his Dharmasthala visit, Eshwarappa said that he took the blessings of Lord Manjunatha and Rajya Sabha member and Dharmadhikari Dr Veerendra Heggade gave him the prasada which was handed over to Shah.

'K'taka collected record GST of ₹6,085cr in Jan'

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday said that Karnataka made a record Goods and Service Tax (GST) collection of Rs 6,085 crore in January this year.

"A record collection of Rs 6,085 crore has been made under GST this month. Karnataka continues to be the state with the highest growth rate of 30 per cent in the GST tax collection," he tweeted.

He said: "This year's remarkable mop up is due to measures undertaken for reforms, focused vigilance, recovery in economy and better compliance by taxpayers. This augmentation to revenue will allow the government to present a better budget this year." The latest numbers come as a shot in the arm for Bommai who will present the State Budget on February 17. The budget outlay that was Rs 2,65,720 crore for 2022-23 may also go up by 10-15%, sources said.

"The introduction of the Information Technology (IT) tools, data-driven analytics and substantial vigilance helped us... besides shifting the posts of the officers to high-level revenue divisions," said a Commercial Tax department official.

Govt working hard to provide best infra: PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi has said that people deserve the best possible infrastructure and the government will always work hard to provide it.

Responding to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's tweet, the PM stated: "Our people deserve the best possible infrastructure which our government will always work hard to provide. Our strides in infra creation have been widely lauded".

Bommai stated that the "double-engine" government is working wonders in Karnataka. "What a view! 10-lane Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway alongside Vande Bharat Express, a visual depicting the story of world-class infrastructure and unprecedented growth in Karnataka. Under Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi, our Double Engine Government is working wonders in the State," the CM tweeted with a video of the Vande Bharat train passing under the Bengaluru-Mysuru Express Corridor near Channapattana in Ramanagara district.

In the run-up to the Assembly polls in Karnataka slated to be held in April/May, Modi and Bommai are stressing on the push given by the Union and State governments for development works.

ECI officials tour Karnataka to review poll preparedness

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Election Commission of India (ECI) officials visited different parts of Karnataka from February 7 to 9 to review preparations for the Assembly polls slated to be held in April/May.

A team led by Deputy Election Commissioner Ajay Bhadoo and Chief Electoral Officer Karnataka Manoj Kumar Meena visited Yadgir district and inspected Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) and also held a meeting with officials from the Kalaburgi division.

ECI Director Shubhra Saxena and Secretary BC Patra visited Chamarajnagar and a team led by Santosh Ajmera, Director, SVEEP, held a meeting with the Deputy Commissioners to review preparations for the programmes to be taken up under the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP).

The ECI officials discussed identifying the polling booths that had registered a low voter turnout in the state during the last assembly and Lok Sabha polls, identifying the reasons for low voter turnout and taking corrective measures, taking up awareness programmes, and ensuring that the adequate number of officials are posted for the election duty.

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INDIA'S Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework for used tyres, batteries, and revised rules for e-waste and plastics kindled interest among the G20 countries, Leela Nandan, Secretary Ministry, Environment, Forest and Climate Change, has said. She was addressing the media sharing the deliberations of the First Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group as part of G20 summit which India is spearheading which concluded on Saturday. "Three core aspects were focussed in the three days - ecosystem restoration which includes, land degradation and water security, ocean and blue economy and the third area of focus was the circular economy and efficiency," said Leela adding that the above three areas are extremely important to India, all the G20 countries and the entire world.

"The circular economy is about resource efficiency that can improve our products and services but also ensure that there is minimal environmental impact while extracting the materials. Reusing, recycling and restoring are the best ways to continue our economic activity. The EPR framework presented explained the producer's responsibility in creating a circular economy to which the G20 countries expressed great interest and were discussed in detail," she said.

Leela said that the countries have to look up for solutions and through the G20 presidency, consensus-based solutions would be arrived at that would be translated into actions on the ground.

Stating that there are many opportunities in the blue economy but with equal challenges, Dr M Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, said: "Under the oceans and blue economy discussion, a range of issues including marine litter, conservation and enhancement of coastal and marine ecosystems and marine spatial planning were covered. Special focus was given to the problem of marine plastic litter and its adverse impacts."

MEGA BEACH CLEANING

Ocean 20 dialogue to facilitate detailed discussion on important aspects of the blue economy in Mumbai under India's presidency will be held. To emphasise the importance of action on marine litter and community participation, a coordinated beach cleaning event will be conducted on May 21 on the sidelines of the Ocean 20 dialogue. Mega beach cleaning will be held at a minimum of 30 locations.

BEGINNING OF
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Smt. Droupadi Murmu

Hon'ble President of India

In the august presence of

Smt. Anandiben Patel
Hon'ble Governor
Uttar Pradesh

Yogi Adityanath
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Uttar Pradesh

Keshav Prasad Maurya
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
Uttar Pradesh

Brajesh Pathak
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
Uttar Pradesh

Date : 12th February, 2023 | Time : 3:30 PM | Place : Vrindavan Yojana, Lucknow

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No.DCPU/foodtender/2022-23 Date:06.02.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Short term tender (for One Year) has been invited as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements Act,1999 and Rules 2000, for the Food and Civil Supplies to the Child Care Institution and After Care Homes of the Department of Women child development and District Child Protection Unit, Mysuru. The Tender document may be downloaded from e-Procurement and Website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **06.02.2023** and the last date for submission of tender through e-Procurement with **EMD** Website is **05.03.2023**upto**5.00 p.m.** Those tenders which are not submitted with EMD will be rejected. Tender estimated amount is **52.00 lakhs**. Opening the technincal bid on **07.03.2023** on 10.30 a.m and opening the financial bid on **09.03.2023** on 11.00 a.m. for further information may contact No:0821-2495432/2543003 or Website. If the last date for submission of tender treated holiday, the next working day will be considered as last date. No further notification in this regard will be announced.

Sd/- District Child Protection Officer

DIPR/DDMYS/KSMCA/994/2022-23

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

WORKS BRANCH **MADURAI DIVISION**

TENDER NOTICE NO. MDU-W-02-2023 dated 09.02.2023

e - tenders are invited for the following works by the Divisional Railway Manager / works / Southern Railway / Madurai. Tender closing date for Item No.1 to 07on 06.03.2023 at 14.00 hrs.

Sl. No	Name of Work	App. Value: Rs. In lakhs	EMD Rs.	Period of completion
1.	Providing House Keeping & Hospitality services for Officers' Rest House (2 suites each) @ Dindigul Jn. & Palani station & Supervisors' Rest house consisting of three rooms at Dindigul Jn. and maintenance of garden at circulating area and at Platform No. 1&2 @ Dindigul for a period of two years.	9.23	18500	24 months
2.	Milavittan - Improvements to freight train examination facilities.	470.45	385200	10 months
3.	Provision of toilet and water supply arrangements at LCs in Sr.DEN/Central Jurisdiction.	25.40	50800	6 months
4.	Madurai Division - Provision of Monumental National Flag at Palani, Tiruchednur & Karaikuddi stations	24.08	48200	6 months
5.	Assistant Divisional Engineer/Dindigul Sub division: -Supply, installation and commissioning of gauge face lubricators on curves for 2 degree and above (I lydraulic type) complete system as per RDSO technical specification, 9 Numbers at isolated locations in Senior Section Engineer / Permanent way / Dindigul & Palani jurisdiction.	49.64	99300	4 months
6.	MADURAI Jn., Essential urgent repairs to staff quarters and service buildings for a period of two years	97.52	195000	2 years
7.	Tiruchchirappalli - Manarnadurai Section: Improvements to existing Side drains by construction of new drains at isolated cutting locations and yard in Senior Section Engineer / Permanent way / Pudukkottai & Sivaganga sections to regulate the water flow to the nearby minor bridge locations.	129.97	215000	6 months

(Items 07 only)

Further details are available in detail on website **https://www.ireps.gov.in.** The tenderer(s) /Contractor(s) to apply for e-tender for works in Madurai Division, need to get enrolled in the **e-tender portal www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.

It is the responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website, the same shall be taken into account while submitting Tender.

Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Madurai.

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LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

15/1, Hayes Centre, Hayes Road, Bangalore -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of L.I.C. Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL), under Securitization & Reconstructions of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued Demand Notice to following Borrowers/Mortgagors calling upon them to repay the outstanding due amount mentioned in the said notices. However, The Borrowers/Mortgagors having failed to repay the said due amount, the undersigned has taken PHYSICAL POSSESSION of the following properties in exercise of powers conferred U/s 13(4) and U/s 14 of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said Rules.

Sl. No	Loan No./ Name of Borrower/ Co–Borrower	Property Address and Flat Area/ UDS of land	Date of Demand Notice	Reserve Price (Amount in Rs.)	EMD (10%) of Reserve Price	Bank details (EMD to be transferred to)
1	LoanNo.:- 410200005556 Name:- RAMESH BASWA	All that piece and parcel of the Apartment bearing No. A-302, Measuring 1800 Sft., on the second floor of the multistoried building known as "MAX-SUNFLOWER", with an undivided share of 2.5% of in the land, which is equivalent to 348 Sft bearing BBMP Khatha No. 1235, Sy. No. 34/1, situated in PattandurAgraharaKrishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East, and bounded on the East By:C.S Adam's Property, West By:Blind School Trust Property, North By: Blind School Trust Property, South By: Road.	09-10-17	Rs.8100000/-	Rs. 810000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBAIR05556 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK,CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
2	LoanNo.:- 410200005557 Name:- RAMESH BASWA	All that piece and parcel of the Apartment bearing No. A-202, Measuring 1800 Sft., on the second floor of the multistoried building known as "MAX-SUNFLOWER" with an undivided share of 2.5% of in the land, which is equivalent to 348 Sft bearing BBMPKhatha No. 1235, Sy. No. 34/1, situated in PattandurAgraharaKrishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East, and bounded on the:- EAST By:C.S Adam's Property, West By:Blind School Trust Property, North By: Blind School Trust Property, South By: Road.	09-10-17	Rs.8100000/-	Rs. 810000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBAIR05557 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK,CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
3	LoanNo.:- 411500005529Name:- CHENNAIYAN M N	All that piece & parcel of the residential Property bearing Flat No.G-08, in WING-A, in the Ground floor, measuring about 1190.02 Sq. Feet super built up area, containing Two Bedrooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring, together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building known as "VMR GEMINI SIGNATURE" constructed over Schedule,having undivided share of 337.461 square feet in the land being a portion of Sy.No.120, Chelkere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and bounded on: EAST By: Water Channel and Road, West By: Water Channel and Road, North By: Property belongs to Joseph, South By: Property belongs to Poojappa and Muniswamy Reddy.	04-08-17	Rs.7100000/-	Rs. 710000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBAWF05529 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK,CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
4	LoanNo.:- 411500005530 Name:- M N CHENNAIYAN	All that piece & parcel of the residential Property bearing Flat No.G-04, in WING-A, in the Ground floor, measuring about 1190.02 Sq. Feet super built up area, containing Two Bedrooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring, together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building known as "VMR GEMINI SIGNATURE" constructed over Schedule,having undivided share of 337.461 square feet in the land being a portion of Sy.No.120, Chelkere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and bounded on: EAST By: Water Channel and Road, West By: Water Channel and Road, North By: Property belongs to Joseph, South By: Property belongs to Poojappa and Muniswamy Reddy.	04-08-17	Rs.7060000/-	Rs. 706000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBAWF05530 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK,CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
5	LoanNo.:- 411500005652 Name:- VEENA	All that piece & parcel of the residential Property bearing Flat No. 307, in WING-A, in the Ground floor, measuring about 1190.02 Sq. Feet super built up area, containing Two Bedrooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring, together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building known as "VMR GEMINI SIGNATURE" constructed over Schedule,having undivided share of 337.461 square feet in the land being a portion of Sy.No.120, Chelkere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and bounded on: EAST By: Water Channel and Road, West By: Water Channel and Road, North By: Property belongs to Joseph, South By: Property belongs to Poojappa and Muniswamy Reddy.	09-10-17	Rs.7080000/-	Rs.708000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBAWF05652 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK,CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
6	LoanNo.:- 410200004375 Name:- JANGID MAHENDRA SINGH	All that piece & parcel of the Residential Flat No.G-03, 2BHK, BBMP Khatha No.32/67/2, on the GROUND FLOOR, with super Built Up area of 1125 Sq Feet, 270 Sq. Feet of undivided right, title and interest, along with One Reserved Car Parking Space in Basement Floor of the residential Apartment Building known as "NOVES SQUARE" constructed on the Land bearing Converted Land in Sy. No. 67 of Chokkanahalli Village, YelahankaHobli, Bangalore North Taluk. And bounded on the:- EAST By: Passage, West By: Stair Case and Duct, North By: Passage, South By: Open Space.	09-10-2017	Rs.5100000/-	Rs. 510000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBAIR04375 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK,CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
7	Loan No.:- 410200004586 Name : Mr Y RAMESH KUMAR	Flat No.G-4, in the Ground floor of the multistoried apartment building known as "VENKATA SAI LAND RIDGE" measuring 1227 Square Feet super built up area, having undivided share of 314 square feet and one covered car parking space in the land bearing Sy.No.30/1A4, presently bearing BBMP Khatha No.130 situated at Seegehalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently coming under BBMP ward No.53, and bounded on: EAST By: Flat No.G-6, West By: Open to sky, North By: Passage and Flat No.G-4, South By: Open to sky.	12.08.2016	Rs.49,00,000/-	Rs. 4,90,000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBAIR04586 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK,CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
8	Loan No.:- 410200004587 Name : Mr Y RAMESH KUMAR	Flat No.G-5, in the Ground floor of the multistoried apartment building known as "VENKATA SAI LAND RIDGE" measuring 1204 Square Feet super built up area, having undivided share of 308 square feet and one covered car parking space in the land bearing Sy.No.30/1A4, presently bearing BBMP Khatha No.130 situated at Seegehalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently coming under BBMP ward No.53, and bounded on: EAST By: Flat No.G-6, West By: Open to sky, North By: Passage and Flat No.G-4, South By: Open to sky.	12.08.2016	Rs.48,00,000/-	Rs. 4,80,000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBAIR04587 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK,CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
9	LoanNo.:- 410500001132 Name:- GOPAL KRISHNA YALLAVULA	All that piece & parcel of the residential Property bearing Flat No.601, in the SIXTH floor of "B-1"Block of the multi-storied Building named "NARAYAN'S-ARIES", measuring 1303Square Feetsuper built up area, one car parking space, having undivided share of 540.6 Square feet in the land bearing BBMP KHATHA No.460, Sy.No.66/2 & 66/7, Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, and bounded on: EAST By: Land Acquired by BDA; West By: Lands of a Ramakka W/o.Subbiah and K.V.Srikantiah; North By: Road, South By: Road	21/03/2014	Rs.50,00,000/-	Rs.5,00,000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBAKE01132 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK,CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
10	Loan No.:- 410500001020 Name:- DHSANDESH KUMAR	All that piece & parcel of the residential Property bearing Flat No.401, in the FOURTH floor of "B-1"Block of the multi-storied Building named "NARAYAN'S-ARIES", measuring 1305Square Feetsuper built up area, one car parking space, having undivided share of 541.4 Square feet in the land bearing BBMP KHATHA No.460, Sy.No.66/2 & 66/7, Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, and bounded on: EAST By: Land Acquired by BDA; West By: Lands of a Ramakka W/o.Subbiah and K.V.Srikantiah; North By: Road, South By: Road.	21/03/2014	Rs.51,00,000/-	Rs.5,10,000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBAKE01020IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK,CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
11	Loan No.:- 410500001163 Name:- Mr. PULAK BISWAS	All that piece & parcel of the residential Property bearing Flat No.403, in the FOURTH floor of "B-3" Block of the multi-storied Building named "NARAYAN'S-ARIES", measuring 1212 Square Feet super built up area, one car parking space, having undivided share of 502.8 Square feet in the land bearing BBMP KHATHA No.460, Sy.No.66/2 & 66/7, Jakkur Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, and bounded on: EAST By: Land Acquired by BDA; West By: Lands of a Ramakka W/o.Subbiah and K.V.Srikantiah; North By: Road, South By: Road.	21/03/2014	Rs. 45,00,000/-	Rs. 4,50,000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBAKE01163 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK,CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
12	Loan No.:- 411900012958 Name:-Mr. MANJU DEVI SUREKA	All that piece & parcel of the property bearing vacant site no 45/1,SKC WHITE MEADOWS,khata no 4976/3661/45/1 1420 formed out of sy no 169/1 of Kengeri village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South taluk, which is duly converted from Agricultural purposes to non agricultural residential purposes ,vide conversion Orders no. ALN(S)S.R.(K)/177/10-11 dated 20/06/2011 and No. ALN(S)S.R.(K)/178/10-11 DATED 20/06/2011 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District and falling under the jurisdiction of BBMP , Kengeri having BBMP khatas and measuring east & west: northern side :50'.0"feet, southern side :65'.0" feet :North & south : eastern side :61'.0'' feet, western side:98'.0" feet totally measuring 4571 sqft and bounded on the east by : Road, west by : site no 46, north by : site no 45/2 and south by : private property	25/07/2018	Rs.2,00,00,000/-	Rs. 20,00,000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBABC12958 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK,CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
13	Loan No.:- 410100006700 Name:- RAJESHWARI J N	All that piece and parcel of the Residential apartment No.304, in third floor of the "COMFORT DYNASTY" constructed on the Property bearing Present Corporation No.1088/1075/968/86/1, (formerly House list No.388, (Old Sy No. 86-1)) In Katha No.590 and property bearing House List No.388, in Khatha No.590 and Site No.2), Situated at Hulimavu Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now Under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore MahanagaraPalike, having a super built up area of 835 Sq. feet, consisting of One Bedroom with balcony, Two Toilets, Living, Kitchen with Utility, equipped with one covered Car Parking, Vitrified tiles flooring, Sanitary, Electrical wiring and other facilities, with 306 Sq. feet of undivided share of interest in Schedule A property and bounded on the:- EAST By: Flat No.302, West By: Flat No.306, North By: Corridor and flat No. 303, South By: Private Property	03.10.2017	Rs. 41,00,000/-	Rs. 40,000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBABN06700 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK,CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB
14	Loan No.:- 411600001344 Name:-SARATH BABU GUNASEGARAN	All that piece & parcel of the residential Property bearing Unit No.S2, in the SECOND floor of the apartment named "EVER GREEN APARTMENT", measuring 1176 Square Feet super built up area, car parking space at basement floor, having undivided share of 323.87Square feet in the land bearing property I.D. no.84-77-24, situated at B.ChannasandraGramatana, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now falls under BBMP ward no.50, Bangalore, and bounded on: EAST By: 8 feet width passage and private property, West By: property of Nanjaiah, North By: Road, South By: Road and BDA property.	15.03.2016	Rs. 48,00,000/-	Rs. 48,000/-	Account Number:- HFLESCBAYE01344 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK,CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB

E-AUCTION Date	27-FEBRAURY-2023
Last date of submission of e-Bid form	25-FEBRAURY-2023

Further to this PUBLIC NOTICE for E-Auction Sale of the above said Assets / properties (in terms and conditions of the SARFAESI, Act 2002 and rules thereunder) LICHFL invitesonline mode to purchase the said properties on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".

THE TERMS & CONDITIONS OF THE AUCTION SALE ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

1. E-Auction is being held on 'As is where is Basis', 'As is what is Basis', 'Whatever there is' And 'Without Any Recourse Basis', and will be conducted "Online".
2. The intending bidders are advised to visithttps://online.lichousing.com/eauction/ for the details of the properties in the website and for taking part in the bids there after redirected to the E-Auction service provider "M/s. 4closure portal" --https://bankauctions.in/ and proceed further.
3. The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, adjusting the EMD paid already, immediately on acceptance of offer by the Authorized officer in respect of the sale, failing which the earnest money deposited shall be forfeited. The balance 75% of the sale price is payable within 15 days from the date of confirmation of the sale solely at the discretion of the Authorized Officer. In case of failure to deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount deposited shall be forfeited. The Authorized Officer shall not be required to give any further notice of forfeiture to the successful bidder.
4. Bidding increment fixed for 1 Lakh increment per BID.
5. Bidders are bound by the principle of "caveat emptor" (Buyer Beware) and advised to conduct their own due diligence to find any encumbrances, statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, Income Tax, Excise Duty, Labour Dues, electricity and maintenance dues etc., of the firm or Secured Asset. The Successful bidders shall have to bear all outgoing i.e., municipal taxes, maintenance/society charges, electricity charges, water charges, stamp duty, registration charges, taxes, or any other duties ,if any and all other incidentals charges, cost including all outgoing relating to the respective properties other than the sale price.
6. The L.I.C Housing Finance Limited reserves the right to CANCEL / ACCEPT / REJECT / ALTER / MODIFY / POSTPONE the TENDER SALE / AUCTION without giving any reason whatsoever or prior Notice.

Authorized Officer
L.I.C Housing Finance Ltd, BANGALORE

Government of Karnataka

MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Office of the Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Div., Chitradurga.

NO.EE/MI&GWD DIV/CTA/PB1/TENDER NOTIFICATION: 50/2022-23 DATE: 09-02-2023

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION (TWO COVER) KW-1, 2, 3 & 4

Item rate tender in One and two cover system as per KTPP act-2000 with latest amendments is invited from the eligible Class-III & Above contractors registered in KPWD & CLASS -I contractors registered in Electrical Contractor (KW1, 2 & KW3) (Minimum amount put to Tender Rs. 5.20 Lakhs and Maximum amount put to Tender Rs. 118.04 Lakhs)for the 09 works through e-procurement portal.

Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 10.02.2023 Last Date & Time for enquiries about tender 21.02.2023 upto 05:30 P.M., Last Date for submission of Tenders 22.02.2023 upto 04:00 P.M. Opening of Technical bid Date: 23.02.2023 after 04:30 P.M (If possible). Opening of Finanical bid Date 24.02.2023 after 04:30 P.M (If possible). Tenders may be submitted along with EMD and tender fee (Mode of payment should be online only as prescribed in website). Amount mentioned in e-portal is final for the amount put to tender & the E.M.D. Additional Information regarding works may be obtained from the Division Office during office hours & from e-procurement help desk No.080-25501216 & 080-25501227.

RO No. 991: DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.NLBC Division, Rodalabanda-584127
Tq.Lingasugur Dist.Raichur email:kbjnlnlbc4@gmail.com

No: KBJNL/NLBC/PB/2022-23/2317 Date :-8.2.2023
No: KBJNL/NLBC/PB/2022-23/2318 Date :-8.2.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-tendering only)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, NLBC Division, Rodalabanda invites percentage tenders in two cover system from eligible Class.I Civil KPWD along with Electrical Licence & above registered Contractors (Total 3+3=6 Nos.of Bore well works) as detailed in the short term Tender Notification published in e-procurement portal viz http// eproc.karnataka.gov.in. The Intending tenderers may download the tender document through e-procurement portal viz., http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in.from 9.2.2023 to 17.2.2023 @ 5.00 PM. The technical bid will be opened on 20.2.2023 @ 11.00 AM and Further details can be obtained from this office in any working days during office hours.

DIP/Raichur/610/ K.S.M.C&A/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**
KBJNL NLBC Division, Rodalbanda

KALYANA KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION

Stores & Purchase Department, Central Offices,
Sarige Sadana, Main Road, Kalaburagi-585 102.
Tel. & Fax No. 08472-260502, Mobile No. 77606 86172 (COSP), 77609 92029 (S.O).

No. KKRTC/CO/COSP/908/2022-23 Dated: 10.02.2023

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

Tenders through e-procurement portal (pre-qualification & commercial) are invited for supply / service of following items.

No. & date	Tender nomenclature	Value	Last date for submission of tender
G-10/22-23 10.02.23	Implementation of Financial Management CLOUD based ERP Software	Rs. 25.74 lakhs	13.03.2023 at 15:00 hours
G-11/22-23 10.02.23	Procurement of Mirrors and Mirror Brackets	Rs. 20.97 lakhs	13.03.2023 at 15:00 hours
G-13/22-23 10.02.23	Procurement of passenger seat foam	Rs. 2.50 crores	13.03.2023 at 15:00 hours

All the details of Tender, Registration, Tender form documents etc. are available at **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Mail to **cospnekrtc@gmail.com** or **eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com** for further information if required. Further, any addendum / corrigendum related to changes in terms and conditions of tender, specification and calendar of events etc. will be uploaded only through e-procurement portal.

DIPR/Kalaburagi/1278/MC&A/2022-23 **Sd/- Controller of Stores and Purchases**
(Tender Inviting Authority)

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
WATER RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

Executive Engineer, KNNL, KPC Division No-1, Bidar.

No:EE/KNNL/KPCD-1/BDR/TND/2022-23/1292 Date: 06-02-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only Through e-procurement System).

In Single and Two cover system

Tenders in Electronic mode on "PERCENTAGE BASIS" are invited on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, K P C Division No.1, Bidar in Single and Two cover system (cover I and cover II), from the contractors/firm/company enrolled under KNNL and KPWD of Karnataka State who fulfill the qualifying conditions, for the details mentioned below.

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E-Auction Sale Notice under SARFAESI Act 2002

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s particular that the under mentioned property mortgaged to **Canara Bank, Frazer Town II Branch**, the Physical possession of which had been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank under Section 13(4) of the Act will be sold by E-Auction as mentioned below for recovery of under mentioned dues and applicable interest, Charges and cost etc as detailed below.

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Details of Property : Residential premises bearing No.209, 3rd Floor, B Block, V.R. Gokulam, Hosakote, Bangalore-560054, Area: 1110 Sq.ft. **Boundaries:** East: Property belong to Sabjohn Sab, West: Kannurahalli Road, North: 40 ft Road, South : Property Belong H K Beerappa.

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Date : 11.02.2023
Place: Bangalore

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At least nine persons suffered burns in a mishap at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant on Saturday. The accident occurred when hot steel spilled at the steel melting shop - II in the plant.

YSRC MP's son arrested in Delhi excise case

ED gets 10-day custody to grill him on kickbacks of Rs 100 crore laundered in the scam

AMIT MUKHERJEE @Delhi

DELHI Court granted 10-day custody of Raghav Magunta, son of YSR Congress Party MP from Ongole **Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy**, to Enforcement Directorate in connection with money laundering investigation into alleged irregularities in the Delhi liquor scam on Saturday.

Magunta was arrested and produced before special Judge MK Nagpal at the Rouse Avenue Court in Delhi by ED on Saturday seeking his custody to interrogate him regarding kickbacks to the tune of over ₹100 crore, which were allegedly laundered and distributed in the Delhi excise scam. The court allowed the agency to interrogate Magunta for 10 days during which he would be confronted with other accused already in custody.

According to ED sources, Raghav Magunta, who is the owner of the Balaji Group, has been one of the key associates of the South Group liquor lobby, which benefitted from the tweaked Delhi excise policy that caused huge losses to the Delhi Government. The South lobby, the ED alleged, had generated kickback worth Rs 100 crore, which was laundered and distributed amongst middlemen, government officials and politicians.

Even in the second chargesheet filed in January, the ED had alleged that Vijay Nair, one of the prime accused, had received the kickback money on behalf of leaders of AAP to the tune of ₹100 crore from the South Group, comprising YSRC MP Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy, his son Raghav Magunta, Hyderabad-based businessman Sharath Reddy and TRS MLC K Kavitha.

The ED had earlier this week arrested two persons --Rajesh Joshi and Gautam Malhotra-- for their alleged involvement in the laundering of the kickbacks generated in Delhi Excise scam. Joshi, the owner of Chariot Productions Media firm that also handled campaigns for AAP, was arrested on Thursday for allegedly laundering the kickback money received from Delhi liquor scam. Joshi used the liquor kickback to fund AAP's elections campaign in Goa, the CBI alleged. Joshi, who was granted ED remand till February 13, is currently being interrogated by the agency in custody.

Gautam Malhotra, a Punjab-based businessman and son of a former SAD MLA Deepak Malhotra, was also arrested on Tuesday night in connection with the money laundering investigation linked to alleged irregularities in the Delhi excise policy case.

According to ED, Gautam was a close aide of F&B business entrepreneurs and an accused turned approver in the excise case, Dinesh Arora. Gautam, associated with the Oasis group, was remanded in ED custody for interrogation till February 15 for further investigations.

TEMPLE STOP

President Droupadi Murmu, along with her daughter Itishri Murmu, on their way to Lingaraj Temple in Bhubaneswar on Saturday | SHAMIM QURESHY

K'taka govt transfers 15 IAS officers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE state government issued orders on Saturday transferring 15 IAS officers.

Dr Ramana Reddy EV, Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Commerce and Industries Dept, is transferred as ACS to Government-cum Development Commissioner relieving Prasad ISN, from concurrent charge. He is also given concurrent charge as ACS, Dept of Electronics, IT/BT & Science and Technology.

Kapil Mohan, ACS, Dept of Tourism, is transferred as ACS, Energy Department, and is placed in concurrent charge as ACS, Tourism Dept. Kumar Naik G, ACS, Energy Department is transferred as Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority.

Umashankar SR, ACS, co-department, placed in concurrent charge of the post of ACS, Education Department (Higher Education), replacing Rashmi V Mahesh, who is transferred as principal secretary (PS), Revenue Department (Disaster Management, Bhoomi and UPOR), relieving Jayaram N from concurrent charge.

Officers below are also transferred (From-To): Dr Selvakumar S - PS, Public Works Dept - PS, Commerce & Industries Dept - Concurrent charge - PS, Dept of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood; Manoz Jain - Awaiting Posting - Secretary, Minority Welfare Dept; Dr Shiva Shankar N - Executive Director, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust - MD, Rajiv Gandhi Rural Housing Corporation Ltd; Nalini Atul - Awaiting posting - Director, Social Audit, RDPR Dept; Mohammad Roshan - CEO, ZP, Haveri - MD, HESCOM, Hubballi; Bhoyar Harshal Narayanrao - Awaiting posting - CEO, ZP, Belagavi; Bhanwar Singh Meena - Controller of Examination, KPSC - General Manager, Resettlement & Rehabilitation and Land Acquisition, Upper Krishna Project, Bagalkot; Prakash GT Nittali - Director, Kannada & Culture Department - CEO, ZP, Chikkaballapura; Nongjai Mohd Ali Akram Shah - Awaiting posting - Additional Mission Director-2, Sakala Mission, Bengaluru; Ravi M Tirlapur, Private Secretary to Minister for Law, Parliamentary Affairs & Minor Irrigation - Deputy Secretary, ZP, Bengaluru (Rural) - Concurrent charge - CEO, ZP, Bengaluru (Rural).

Lawlessness prevails in Odisha, Pradhan slams Naveen on Naba killing

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhubaneswar

UNION Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan once again attacked the state government on Saturday over the killing of Naba Kishore Das stating that even the slain minister's supporters have no confidence in the ongoing investigation.

Pradhan, who was in Jharsuguda to attend the 15th national and first international convention of Akhil Bharatiya Gondwana Gond Mahasabha, told mediapersons that many of Das' supporters have spoken to him and expressed doubts over the Crime Branch investigation.

"Let alone the Opposition, neither the public nor the supporters of Naba Babu are happy with it. They have been raising serious questions on the manner in which the investigation is being conducted. They said that a third party investigation will do justice and find out the real motive behind the murder," he said.

Pradhan visited the Jharsuguda residence of Das and offered his condolence to the bereaved family. He also visited the residence of former state Assembly Speaker Kishore Mohanty and paid tribute to the leader, who passed away a year ago.

Lashing at the state government over deteriorating law and order situation in the state, Pradhan said, there is a sense of lawlessness prevailing everywhere. " That a cabinet minister is shot dead by an on-duty policeman in full public glare is very disturbing. If a powerful minister like Das was not safe, it speaks volumes about the law and order situation in the state," he said.

Launching a broadside against Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, he said the former who has been holding the Home portfolio for the last 23 years has miserably failed in his duty. The chief minister must take stern measures before situation slips out of his hand.

Responding to the charges, the BJD said that the BJP should not politicise the issue. Party spokesperson Sasmit Patra said that politicisation of the killing of the former Health minister by the Union minister is not acceptable when the probe is being monitored by a retired judge of the Orissa High Court. Stating that the inquiry into the incident is progressing in a speedy manner, Patra said that the minister should wait till it is over.

EXPRESS READ

Techie couple killed in road accident

Tumakru: A newly married software engineer couple died in a road accident that occurred on National Highway 150A at Chikkanayakanahalli in Tumakuru district on Saturday. The deceased are Raghu Umamaheshwar (32) from Madanahalli in Arasikere taluk in Hassan district and Anusha (27) from Tigadanahalli in Chikkanayakanahalli taluk. The couple was working in IT companies in Bengaluru. They were in their car on their way to a relative's wedding in Ballari when a lorry collided head-on with their car. ENS

Teacher assn seeks doubling of salaries

Bengaluru:The Karnataka State Primary School Teachers' Association (KSPSTA) has submitted a request to the 7th Pay Commission, asking that salaries be doubled.According to the association, they have also asked for five-day work weeks, and filling up of vacancies so that at least one teacher is present in each classroom. Upper kindergarten (UKG) and lower kindergarten (LKG) should be present in every government school. In terms of salary hikes, they have asked that the pay scale be doubled from Rs 25,000-Rs 51,000 to Rs 51,000-Rs 1.02 lakh. ENS

Oommen Chandy to leave for Bengaluru today

CYNTHIA CHANDRAN @T'Puram

FORMER chief minister Oommen Chandy will leave for Bengaluru at 4 pm on Sunday by a chartered flight arranged by the Congress central leadership, for follow-up treatment of his throat issue. This was informed by K C Venugopal, Congress national general secretary (organisation) after he called on Oommen Chandy at the private hospital at Neyyattinkara on Saturday morning.

A day after the doctors at the Neyyattinkara hospital gave clearance to the 79-year-old leader to fly to Bengaluru, the Congress party made all arrangements to airlift him. But after initially agreeing to this, his son, Chandy Oommen, chairman of All India Youth Congress Outreach Cell, insisted that he can be taken to Bengaluru once he is on his feet. Venugopal, who arrived in Thiruvananthapuram late on Friday night, held hectic parleys with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi. On Saturday morning, Venugopal held talks with state Congress president K Sudhakaran, MP, and other senior leaders before meeting Oommen Chandy at the hospital. A top leader told TNIE that Rahul Gandhi also had a word with Chandy Oommen. After meeting Oommen Chandy, Venugopal informed the media that the Congress central leadership has made all arrangements to shift Oommen Chandy by a chartered flight to Bengaluru. "The AICC has arranged a chartered flight to Bengaluru for Oommen Chandy. He will be flying on Sunday", said Venugopal.

Chandy Oommen, who was caught unawares by the party's decision, showed his ire against the media. He maintained that as Oommen Chandy's son, he has anguish and responsibility towards his welfare.

"The media has been cooking up stories and it's not fair. I have all medical records and have informed the leadership about the health condition. Though Appa's pneumonia has been addressed, he is tired. It is wrong that we, the family, have not been cooperating to give him medical treatment. I will release the medical records at an appropriate time. The media had forged medical documents. I have urged the chief minister to intervene and also to order a police investigation," said Chandy Oommen.

NH so bad I took train, TN CM tells Gadkari

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

CHIEF Minister MK Stalin on Saturday stoutly denied Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari's charge that the Tamil Nadu government has not been cooperating with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) in implementing its projects in the state. In a letter to Gadkari, Stalin wrote, "To the best of my knowledge, no major NHAI project is held up for want of permissions from the state government."

Referring to Gadkari's reply to DMK MP Dayanidhi Maran in the Lok Sabha when the latter raised the bad condition of the road between Chennai to Ranipet (NH-4), the CM said, "This segment provides vital connectivity from Chennai city and its ports to the industrial clusters in Kancheepuram, Vellore, Ranipet, Hosur and Krishnagiri. The condition of the road is so bad that I had to plan my recent visits to a few districts by train. While the request from our MP was very specific to this important road, we were disappointed by your reply which was very general and non-committal."

K'taka govt must insure all farmers, says Shantakumar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

FEDERATION of Farmers Associations state president Kuruburu Shantakumar said on Saturday that CM Basavaraj Bommai should adopt the model of neighbouring Telangana state in providing Rs 5 lakh insurance coverage for all the farmers and Rs 5 lakh compensation to the family members of the farmer in case of suicide or accidental death.

Shantakumar told reporters that CM Bommai in the state budget 2023 should open procurement centres to procure all the agricultural commodities similar to Punjab, Haryana, Telangana and Tamil Nadu by removing cap on procurement quantity to support the farmers.

"The government must procure the agricultural commodities and supply them directly to the government hospitals, student hostels, prisons and other organisations. The government must announce insurance to all the crops and must announce scientific compensation for crop loss due to environmental issues," he said.

Pointing out the delay in harvesting of sugarcane by sugar mills, Shantakumar demanded that the government include sugarcane sowing and harvesting under MGNREGA to ensure early harvesting of sugarcane and prevent cane dryness in fields.

"By including the sowing and harvesting of sugarcane in MGNREGA will also avoid labour problems. The state government should also pressure the Central government to cancel GST on manure, pesticide, drip irrigation, tractors," he said.

Kannada forums furious as rowdy-sheeter case registered against two activists

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

KANNADA leaders have expressed anger against the police department for registering a rowdy-sheeter case against Kannada activists ahead of the assembly elections. The recent election of a Marathi speaking mayor and deputy mayor to Belagavi city corporation(BCC) has also enraged the Kannada organisations. And now, issuance of a notice to Kannada activists, terming them as rowdy sheeters and asking them to submit an affidavit for good conduct during elections, has further infuriated the Kannada organisations.

A rowdy-sheeter case has been registered by the city police against Kannada activists Sampathkumar Desai and Anil Daddimani, who had smeared the face of Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti (MES) leader Deepak Dalvi with ink during a 'Maha Melava' held parallel to the state legislature session in 2019.

In an emergency meeting conducted at Kannada Sahitya Bhavan, the Kannada organisations have demanded the police to drop the rowdy-sheeter case against the two. An online campaign has started on Facebook, WhatsApp and Twitter in this regard. The campaigners have accused the government of being 'anti-Kannadiga'.

Law Minister in favour of C&R Rules revision of govt doctors

Bengaluru:Karnataka State Government Medical Officers Association president Dr A N Desai on Saturday urged the state government to revise the Cadre and Recruitment Rules, which have been pending for over two decades. Speaking at the 30th state-level convention of the association at Dr HM Gangadharaiah Memorial Hall in Bengaluru on Saturday, he said the revision will help doctors serving in government hospitals get promotion that is due. Responding to this, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhuswamy promised that he will bring the issue to the notice of the minister concerned and that as soon as the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) takes the step, the Law Department will clear it within a week's time."There is a notion that government hospitals are not good since doctors are not working up to their capabilities which they should overcome in the interest of needy people," he said. ENS

B'luru man drowns in sea in Kerala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

A 34-year-old youth hailing from Bengaluru drowned in the sea near Odayam beach near Varkala on Saturday morning after he ventured into the sea to take a bath. The deceased has been identified as Sadasiva M. The Ayiroor police have registered a case in connection with the incident.

According to police, the incident took place around 9.45am when Sadasiva and his wife Sneha Saraswathy ventured together into the sea for taking a bath. The couple had been residing at the Blue Water resort since Thursday. Sadasiva swam a few metres away from the shore and was swept away by strong undercurrents. His wife alerted the locals who brought Sadasiva to the shore, but he died.

Blessed with baby, Kerala trans couple's 'gender' issues are far from over

LESLY JOSEPH @Kozhikode

ZAHHAD and Ziya's challenges are far from over. Having their biological baby has thrown up a new set of challenges for the transgender couple. After Zahhad gave birth to the baby, the couple want the birth certificate of the child to have his name as father and Ziya's as mother. The authorities of the Kozhikode medical college hospital, where the child was born, have informed them that this will be possible only if the health department issues a special order.

Thiruvananthapuram native Zahhad, who was female by birth, and Ziya Paval from Kozhikode, who was born a man, were undergoing hormonal therapy to change their sex when the baby was conceived. The baby was born last Wednesday through C-section. The complicated legal process involved in adopting a baby prompted the couple to attempt natural conception. After careful examination, the doctors confirmed that natural pregnancy is possible since the gender-transition process was yet to be completed. Zahhad's breasts were surgically removed even before the child was conceived.

Ziya said they want Zahhad to be the father of the child and have filed a petition with the health minister and the superintendent of the Institute of Maternal & Child Health of Kozhikode MCH on Saturday for the change to reflect in the birth certificate.

"Both Zahhad and I want to complete the surgeries and want to change our genders. Although Zahhad gave birth to the baby, we want him to be the father. We both have Aadhaar cards and transgender identity cards. We have submitted petitions and we are planning to meet the health minister in person to request the change in the birth certificate. Right now, Zahhad and the baby are getting all kinds of care and medicines for free. I think the hospital authorities and the health minister, who have been supporting us so far, will also be with us in this regard," said Ziya.

Defeating racism, tribalism, intolerance and all forms of discrimination will liberate us all, victim and perpetrator alike

Ban Ki-moon

SPECULATION, SECURITY OR SHOCKS

OPINION

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STOCK markets stir an enigmatic fascination. For an amateur, a dream of Eldorado, and to a professional, a constant desire to ride the crest. Burgeoning markets bring to the fore a plethora of expert advice and recommendations. Investment patterns evolve around specific sectors and scripts. However, there is more to it than mere financial prudence. The pulse of the market is structurally irregular! Equity pricing and participation is an interplay of investor psychology and prevailing politico-economic scenario. More than the gravity of an event, individual perception of such happenings influences market temperament.

The Great Depression of 1929 brought much emotional and economic pain to the US. Stocks had a freefall from rising unemployment and displaced families, leading to psychological, social and cultural strain. The script was rewritten on October 19, 1987, when both S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average plummeted almost 22%. Experiences of the past prompted the US to introduce circuit breakers which were, in fact, regulatory mechanisms to check panic-induced falls. Closer home, during the infamous Bombay Stock Exchange Scam of 1992, the Sensex rose more than 270% in less than a year. With the market price of some 'rogue' shares moving into the stratosphere, fundamentals and accounting parameters were ignored. It was an extended beach party! The crash, when it came, failed to sympathise with the blue chips. The Financial Crisis of 2007–08, often referred to as the Great Recession, brought bankruptcies and bank failures in its wake. Indices took a beating worldwide in a prolonged environment of gloom and pessimism.

All these events have a common denominator, human sentiments and behaviour. The negative percept of the future influences market activity, precipitating emotional divestment.

Neuroscience has established the interdependence of regions of the human brain and behaviour in financial markets. During moods of elation, markets tend to perform better as negative news is overlooked or downplayed. Disrupted family or professional relationships and financial stress breed negativity, exacerbating recklessness. This could have ramifications either way. The effect of weather on market participation is well acknowledged. Seminal studies by Saunders (1993) and, more recently, by Mark J Kamstra (2003) for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, lend support to seasonally affective investment. Winter Blues witness heightened risk aversion, whilst sunny days manifest sanguine investment patterns regarding the quantum and quality of assets.

Risk as an element of uncertainty is ubiquitous in markets. Indulgence in hedging by short selling and trading in options is a manifestation of such speculative instincts. During volatility, individual risk propensity and its management come to the fore. Profits and losses are the outcomes of such behaviour.

Market bubbles are an offspring of mass euphoria paving the way for exuberance. Trends of 'herd investment' stem from such irrational optimism. The Bengal Bubble (1769), built around an exponentially overvalued East India Company, led to the EIC's inevitable collapse. During the dot-com bubble, insane valuations of tech startups led the Nasdaq to rise 400% from 1995 to 2000, only to crash over 75% in October 2002.

During periods of pessimism, investors empirically choose sustainable financial instruments owing to risk aversion. Fundamentally strong stocks remain irrationally undervalued due to a lack of investor support. Conjectures and opinions on the outcome of geopolitical factors influence the market participants. Investor mood has the propensity to be influenced by personal bias and information accessible in the news and social media. The first quarter of 2020 brought a spate of news anticipating worldwide doom in the wake of Covid-19. More recently, the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the escalating global political tension left an equally bitter taste. Panic selling and frenzy buying seldom create enviable asset portfolios.

Recent events, on the back of the Adani Group episode, corroborate the effect of sentiments on market susceptibility. With scant explanatory information in the public domain, a 'favourite' of traders and investors was the outcast overnight. A downgrade by rating institutions further builds up selling pressure regardless of promising projections.

A mild recessionary visage looms through the oncoming spring. With memories of the pandemic in rearview and the inflationary trend of 2022 abating, one may see a re-emergence of appetite for stocks and bonds. The IMF recently raised its estimate of the global growth rate to 2.9% this year. The Bank of England has predicted a milder recession, though it's a long walk to the surety. The above could infuse 'attitudinal positivity' into investors' moods. Major indices could see better days but with delinquencies inadvertently interspersed. Despite their relative resilience, Indian financial markets are prone to sympathetic jolts. But encouraging quarterly figures posted by most high-profile domestic companies across sectors and a revival of domestic demand indicate stability. This could translate into Sensex gaining 12% from current levels by 2023-end.

Let me borrow from Alan Greenspan, "Forecasting our futures is built into our psyches because we will soon have to manage that future. We have no choice. No matter how often we fail, we can never stop trying."

MACHINES ARE LEARNING, BUT SO ARE HUMANS

OPINION

SANTWANA BHATTACHARYA
Editor

'Do you hear the rattles of time's flight?
Its cart perpetually goes out of sight…'

THAT'S Tagore's Shesher Kabita (The Parting Verse). No particular reason to remember those lines except that the car is climbing the curving hill roads towards Shillong, Meghalaya. The very name of the state holds a hint of ethereal beauty. But I couldn't find the bard's famed rhododendrons and my flight of fancy was rudely halted. Instead, a parody of his oft-quoted Where mind is without fear was almost mockingly staring back at me from a WhatsApp window. The times…

I was brought back to the post-truth world. Of ChatGPT and other insubstantial wonders -- aptly enough, in another town, the feisty Kiran Bedi would soon share her conversation with Lord Krishna, no less, via the AI tool on maya and samsara to a rapt audience. Presently, though, it's quite evident that Meghalaya is not on any Cloud Nine, digital or otherwise. A group of young and veteran woman journalists at a workshop were fretting over the lack of reliable data on most things – whether to aid policy criticism or to seek meaningful interventions for children learning in a post-pandemic digitalised age. As I wended my way through a table of young women journalists from all North-East states, and asked about their working experience, the quiet girl from Arunachal had rather mundane concerns. The lack of security -- not national security, but the everyday insecurity of going out after sundown! The images she painted were scary. The Manipuri team, though, would hear none of it, and claimed their problems on that front weren't insurmountable.

Outside, Meghalaya seemed preoccupied with deciding which Sangma to vote for. Incumbent CM Conrad Sangma is being given a tough fight by his family member Mukul Sangma. So much so that Conrad is staying put in his constituency Tura, in the Garo hills. His erstwhile ally, the BJP, is also maintaining a distance from him and all the bad press around his government. So, it's a lonely battle for Conrad right now.

Mukul is in the unheralded player in the North-East, the Trinamool Congress. Mamata Banerjee is trying hard to tie another state into the bundle on her white saree pallu, just like Arvind Kejriwal's AAP did with Punjab. By local accounts, despite the infirmities that have caught up with the ruling party, the benefits may not flow so easily to the TMC and Metbah Lyngdoh's UDP may hold the trump card in government formation. Just like Pradyut Dev Burman may in Tripura. Where is the Congress in all this? Not visible at all, comes the chorus

Instead, Didi is the new flavour in the town. Meghlaya can be a microcosm of the fragmented opposition story in the rest of India. In Parliament, Didi's firebrand MP Mohua Maitra has been creating ripples, not the least with the swear word she uttered in the Lok Sabha. Not under the breath either. She has since given interviews to justify her right to abuse in reply to the heckling she faced during her speech. She may have a point about the professional pandemonium-creators of Parliament -- they give out the worst image possible of India to its young (whose future we were discussing at the workshop) -- but Mohua could do better than to let the substance of her speech be overshadowed by indiscreet words. Her fiery articulacy is otherwise beyond reproach.

This is not to say colloquialisms or the language of the street have no power or should be totally abjured -- Parliament debates, after all, are meant for common consumption. But for someone who had the good fortune to listen and report on legendary opposition speakers, it is a sad day. A reflection of an overall dip in our language skills, a far cry from the days when a Vajpayee, a Somnath Chatterjee, or an Indrajit Gupta could be skin-peelingly biting in their speeches without plumbing such depths.

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Both the ruling party and the opposition need to be mindful of the verbal behaviour they encourage, within Parliament or outside. No National Education Policy can be successful unless its birthing context is framed with some thought to long-term consequences. No digital magic, Kiran Bedi's high-vaulting interlocutor notwithstanding, can cover up for low-brow public discourse. The young are thinking minds with sharp questions, as the TNIE ThinkEdu conclave audience in Chennai. They deserve better than the culture of abuse taking over all spheres of life, subsuming decency.

The nine crucial states that go to elections this year are being called the semi-finals before 2024. But more may be at stake in them than the electoral future of parties. It is the future, in all its unknowable aspects, that we create today with our actions, our omissions, what we allow ourselves to do.

What we don't allow is equally crucial. These are strange times. We see the future as if through a stained glass, unable to decipher if what we see is figures on the other side or the disfigurations of the medium itself. Whether it is an Israeli director at a film festival or a US-based short-selling investment research firm -- whose owner too was born in Israel -- India seems to have outsourced the function of criticism. (Perhaps it is Israel's way of atoning for Pegasus.) It is as if Indira Gandhi's pet accusations about a shadowy "foreign hand" now have been granted flesh and blood. Beginning from the first EMS regime's ouster in 1959 to the training of future LTTE stormtroopers in Chakrata and Sirumalai, she must have known a thing or two about foreign hands. Those who are prone to conspiracy theories will also see a BBC documentary as part of an orchestra of global villainy.

Be that as it may, we still have questions we must ask ourselves. Has our democracy worked? Hasn't there been an outward flowing out of power towards hitherto disempowered groups through electoral politics? Indeed, a large if unstated part of Modi's appeal is not necessarily Hindutva but the successful way in which he commandeered that subaltern siege on the old elite. But at another level, 75 years of democracy and controlled capitalism seems to have only generated a new set of oligarchs, while not quite displacing the old feudals, maharajas and moneybags. Elections will come and go, but the real change happens at these subterranean levels.

KILLING TIGERS IS NOT A SOLUTION

OPINION

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WHEN you enter Kochi airport, there is a large statue of an elephant with chains around his feet and body. That says everything about Kerala's attitude towards wildlife: capture and torture or kill.

Kerala has come out with an outrageous proposal to permit the killing of tigers. "The Wildlife Protection Act is no longer useful in dealing with the issues that arise now, like human-animal conflict. It was drafted at a time when there were no cases of wild animals attacking humans and farmland," to quote Forestry Minister A K Saseendran. The state government has identified the tiger, elephant, wild boar, peacock, deer and monkey as "threats" to human lives and livelihoods. The deer? It was the Buddha's symbol of peace. The minister supports the demand of local farmers to kill tigers. A Rajya Sabha MP supported by the ruling party, Jose K Mani, added that an order must be issued to shoot wild animals that raid human habitations and kill, and a permanent solution found to 'wildlife encroachment'. He proposes to move a private member's bill to review wildlife and forest conservation laws. Meanwhile, 395 km of new roads will come up in Kerala's forests.

What is shocking is that so-called environmentalist Madhav Gadgil has supported the state government with a demand for culling tigers and licensed hunting outside national parks. The Church, which demands the same, supports him. He is the same who had once recommended declaring 37% of the Western Ghats as 'ecologically fragile' and ending all commercial activities. He says that humans have hunted animals through the ages. But those were hunter-gatherers who killed for food, not people who took over forests, converted them into farmlands and then killed the wildlife which once lived there. Who surveyed the wildlife carrying capacity of the forests, asks the activist group Wayanad Prakruthi Samrakshana Samithi. Wayanad's tigers could belong to either Bandipur or Mudumalai. They don't know state boundaries.

The tiger has lived in India since the Late Pleistocene age. There are tigers on the seals of the Indus Civilisation, and the animal finds mention in Vedic literature. Habitat destruction decimated the population in the colonial period. The British offered special rewards for every tiger killed, and hunting was a favourite pastime. The tiger was drummed out of its hiding place by 'beaters' who were often mauled or killed by the animal: their lives were cheap and expendable. Only 1,827 tigers were counted in the first-ever all-India census in 1972, prompting Indira Gandhi to promulgate the Wildlife Protection Act. Twenty-nine tiger reserves were created. There are 53 today. The National Tiger Conservation Authority reported 2,967 tigers in 2018, still a very poor number for a national animal.

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The problem in Kerala is that people are encroaching on forest lands. For example, on January 22, the forest department captured a tusker named PT-7 (renamed Dhoni). His crime? He used to raid crops in the Dhoni, Malampuzha and Mundur regions of Palakkad district. These were forested areas where the land was converted to cropland. He was damned as 'rogue', 'villain' and 'unruly'. He is held in a kraal, to be 'trained' to become a kumki—an elephant used to capture wild pachyderms. The training will be cruel. The animal will be beaten continuously, prodded with bull hooks and frightened in any which way till his spirit is broken. He is chained like the airport figure and tamely answers the commands of a cruel mahout. All this for eating in his own forest.

Since it is difficult to capture tigers, the Kerala government's solution is to hunt and kill them, euphemistically called 'culling'. Killing will open Pandora's box. It will become a free-for-all and bring down trophy hunters from elsewhere in India and abroad.

According to Samuel Baker, a naturalist and big game hunter, "…the tiger seldom attacks to actually kill, unless it is driven, or wounded in a hunt. It will frequently charge with a short roar if suddenly disturbed, but it does not intend to charge home, and a shout from a native will be sufficient to turn it aside; it will then dash forward and disappear, probably as glad to lose sight of the man as he is at his escape from danger." Relocation is a solution in this hostile atmosphere, but nobody anywhere in Kerala wants tigers.

The Mahabharata (Udyogaparva, XXXVII) says: "Do not cut down the forest with its tigers! Let not the tigers be driven from the forest! There can be no forest without tigers, and no tigers without a forest. The forest shelters the tigers, and tigers guard the forest!" The tiger has religious significance for several indigenous tribes in India. Kerala's Irulars worship the tiger, Gonds and Korku worship Baghdeo, and Bharias, who believe that the tiger will never kill them, worship Bageshwar. There are many other tribes like this: Vaghdeos in Maharashtra, Huliraya in Karnataka and Bonbibi in Bengal venerate tigers. Tribals who share their lands with this top predator do not kill him.

Traditionally, India has had a culture of conserving forests and wildlife. But Kerala is showing a lack of that culture. Governments must allow wildlife to live in their forest habitats and prevent human encroachment. Wildlife tourism can earn good money. That is the only solution for man-animal conflicts.

QUOTE CORNER

Anybody can become angry—that is easy, but to be angry with the right person and to the right degree and at the right time and for the right purpose, and in the right way—that is not within everybody's power and is not easy.

Aristotle, ancient Greek philosopher and polymath

The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office

Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th president of the United States

You should never let your fears prevent you from doing what you know is right

Aung San Suu Kyi, former State Counsellor of Myanmar and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mynamnar

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A true dost

Apropos of Operation Dost winning hearts in quake-ravaged Turkiye (Feb 11). India responded well to the terrible disaster in Turkey, and this is not the first time it has done so. Earlier, it has dispatched relief material to the Philippines, Myanmar, Fiji, etc. By providing humanitarian assistance, India has developed a reputation of being a reliable first-responder nation. Ultimately, humanity should prevail over everything else.

Bal Govind, Noida

Thackeray at ThinkEdu

Apropos of 'Can't ignore climate change even if it does not get votes' (Feb 11). Aaditya Thackeray's passion and activism for the environment is laudable. The earthquake in Turkey and Syria and the Joshimath subsidence are alarm bells. At the ThinkEdu Conclave, he has rightly said that we think we are doing the planet a favour, that we are saving it. But we are trying to save ourselves.

S Arjun Prasanna, Bengaluru

Gehlot's error

Apropos of Gehlot faux pas as he reads last year's budget speech for a bit (Feb 11). The faux pas, besides resulting in understandable ruckus and multiple adjournments of the house, also saw various inflation relief measures and sops lost in the melee. The carelessness, which the CM termed 'human error' shows the blatant disregard for democracy. The Congress must have the irresponsible Gehlot replaced by someone younger.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

An aloof CM

Apropos of Gehlot faux pas as he reads last year's budget speech for a bit (Feb 11). The CM had not noticed he was reading the wrong budget even after several minutes. This suggests he was little or never involved in the material he was presenting before the House – a glaring instance of politicians making a laughing stock of themselves.

Sanath Kumar T S, Thrissur

Victoria Gowri's appointment

Apropos of Collegium's picks not open to judicial review, says SC on Gowri case (Feb 11). The Supreme Court has rightly held the appointment of Victoria Gowri as Madras High Court judge despite protests against her previous political leaning. The collegiums of HCs and of the SC have detailed deliberations on recommending names of prospective judges, so such appointments must be honoured by all.

Hullasa Behera, Bhubaneswar

Pak compulsion

Apropos of The begging bowl syndrome and Pakistan (Feb 9). Neena Gopal has portrayed the situation very succinctly. Pakistan's situation is a culmination of decades old corruption, encouragement to homegrown terrorism, etc. Pakistan is not in any mood to look for course correction. Until it realises the folly of its blind hatred towards India and adopts a conciliatory approach towards it, the economic chaos will remain.

N Ramakrishnan, email

Rankings do matter

Apropos of Rankings not marker of excellence (Feb 11). Marks may not be a parameter of capability once you've had a five-year work experience but unfortunately does as a fresher. So this is not an idea to suggest to them. Indian competitive exams like NEET, JEE, etc., are designed not to select but reject.

Rumaan A Yadahalli, email

Unraveling the truth

Apropos of Sebi probes FPO investors' links with Adani (Feb 11). The investigation shall reveal the truth or otherwise, at least partly for now, in the Hindenburg Research report's allegations against Adani Group. This may prove to be a watershed moment for Gautam Adani and Narendra Modi too!

K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
Senior RJD leaders met regarding preparations for the General Assembly of Grand Alliance to be held at Purnia on February 25

Sanjay Singh @SanjayAzadSln
6 firms, 1 address, don't know income source, invested 42K crore in Adani. Modi ji, is it money of terrorists, or of your leaders, or yours?

Devendra Fadnavis @Dev_Fadnavis
"Indian culture is the basis of Indian nationalism." Salutes to great patriot Pt Deendayal Upadhyayji who gave us such great thoughts.

Cong questions Adani's monopoly over ports

Jairam Ramesh says ports with govt concessions given to conglomerate sans bidding; group controls 30% capacity

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Congress on Saturday continued its 3-question a day attack on the Centre, asking it to explain the near-total handover of ports to the Adani Group. Party general secretary (communication) Jairam Ramesh cited specific data to claim near monopoly of the sector by the group under the Narendra Modi government.

"The Adani Group today controls 13 ports and terminals that represent 30 per cent of India's ports capacity and 40 per cent of total container volume. It is no surprise that this growth trajectory has accelerated since 2014," read a statement issued by Ramesh.

Referring to acquisitions by the multinational conglomerate, in addition to Mundra Port in Gujarat, between 2015 and 2021 are Dhamra Port (Odisha), Kattupalli Port (Tamil Nadu), Krishnapatnam Port (Andhra Pradesh), Gangavaram Port (Andhra Pradesh) and Dighi Port (Maharashtra), Ramesh alleged that there is a clear strategy at work as Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha

account for 93 per cent of the overseas cargo traffic from India's 'non-major ports'.

"Krishnapatnam and Gangavaram are the largest private ports in the south. The Adani Group has declared its goal as expanding its market share to 40 percent by 2025 and is attempting to acquire even more ports. Do you intend to oversee the takeover of every significant private port by your favourite business group or is there any space for other private firms that wish to invest?," said Ramesh.

Questioning the government further, he asked whether it is prudent from a national security perspective appropriate for a firm that faces serious accusations of money laundering and round-tripping by offshore shell companies to be permitted to dominate a strategic sector like ports.

Last week, the Congress started *Hum Adani Ke Hain Kaun* (HAHK) series under which it asks the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) led Government three questions every.

The Congress also alleged that the Government had facilitated an Adani monopoly in the ports sector using all the means at its disposal.

Ports with government concessions have been sold to the Adani Group without any bidding, Ramesh claimed.

'Disputed firm cannot control strategic sector'

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Drafting committee set up for plenary session

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

CONGRESS president Mallikarjun Kharge has constituted the Drafting Committee and six subgroups for the upcoming three-day Plenary Session to be held in Raipur starting February 24. The party's general secretary (communication) Jairam Ramesh has been made chairman of the 21-member drafting committee with Pawan Khera as its convener.

According to a communiqué issued by Congress General Secretary in-charge of Organisation, KC Venugopal on Saturday, the other members of the panel are former union ministers P Chidambaram, and Salman Khurshid, former chief minister of Karnataka M Veerappa Moily, ex-chief minister of Haryana Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Ashok Chavan, Mukul Wasnik, Shashi Tharoor, Vivek Tankha and Supriya Shrinate.

The subgroups are on political affairs, economic affairs, international affairs, social justice and empowerment, youth, education and employment, and farmers and agriculture.

Moily has been appointed as the chairman and Ashok Chavan as convenor of the political affairs. Among 20 members nominated to the panel headed by Moily are Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Kumari Selja, Charanjit Singh Channi, Rajeev Shukla and Ragini Nayank.

Chidambaram will head the economic affairs, while Khurshid international affairs. The panel on farmers will be chaired by Hooda and N Raghuveera Reddy from Andhra Pradesh is the convener. Wasnik will head the subgroup — social justice and empowerment and Amarinder Singh Raja Brar from Punjab is chairman of youth, education and employment subgroups.

JUSTICE L VICTORIA GOWRI

THE ASCENSION TO HIGHER JUDICIARY AMID RUMBLINGS

R SIVAKUMAR @ Chennai

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

ONLY she knows the sheer weight of "I, Lekshmana Chandra Victoria Gowri..." as she took oath as an additional judge of the Madras High Court. On February 7, there were rumblings outside the Madras High Court around the time the Supreme Court heard all sorts of arguments before a special bench.

There she stood, moved to the front and carried herself gracefully before chief justice T Raja. It opened a new horizon in her legal career.

Even before formalities of her assuming office were complete, the Supreme Court shut doors of litigation challenging her appointment once and for all. The court stayed away from subjecting the collegium decision to the legal test.

Born in 1973 at West Neyyor in Kanyakumari district in the southernmost part of Tamil Nadu, Victoria Gowri's father Lekshmana Chandra was an English lecturer and her mother Sarojini Chandra, a homemaker. She completed her schooling in Little Flower Girls School in Nagercoil and went on to pursue law (five-year course) at the Government Madurai Law College. She graduated in law in 1995. Later, she pursued a post-graduate course in guidance and counselling at the Mother Teresa University in the state. She was closely associated with the BJP and its front outfits since her student days; held positions including district coordinator of Seva Bharati and was elected as a councillor to the district panchayat. She went on to become the national general secretary of the party's women's wing, Mahila Morcha.

After enrolling with the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry in 1995, Gowri started practising in Karur and Kanyakumari districts and subsequently at the Madurai bench of the Madras High Court.

Gowri, the mother of two – Dr TV Vasantha Bharathy and TV Soorya Gayathri -- had served as standing counsel for various Central agencies. She was appointed the assistant solicitor general of the Union government to the Madurai Bench in 2020. She held the post till she was elevated to the high court. Her husband Thulasi Muthu Ram, an engineer, works as a maintenance manager in a private firm in Nagercoil.

When her appointment was announced, a section of Left-leaning lawyers of the Madras Bar raised objections by shooting off a memorandum to the President and the collegium to recall the recommendation of the latter and knocked the doors of the apex court in vain. They had cited her public interviews and articles against the minorities and said such hate speech, antithetical to the foundational constitutional values, rendered her ineligible for her elevation as a judge.

She promptly gave them back in her acceptance speech at the oath-taking ceremony: "I am fully conscious and aware of the greatest responsibility of being a judge only to heed to the unheard voices of the poorest of the poor, to liberate the marginalised, to scuttle the abominable inequalities of the society and to nurture fraternity..."

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The detractors also flagged the lightning speed, with which, the Centre cleared the files of justice Gowri while sitting on the files of advocate John Sathyan even though the collegium reiterated its decision to elevate him.

Divergent views have emerged in the bar on the collegium's decision to elevate her to the higher judiciary. Despite the Left-leaning lawyers' objections citing her past speech and her roots in the BJP, others refused to bother. They cite the example of justice R Chandru who had retired after an eventful stint in the Madras High Court.

"Most of us had political affiliation in covert or overt manner during practice. But what matters is how we are going to perform the duties of justice delivery bound by the Constitution and law," observes a judicial officer.

Move with caution: Japan consulate issues travel advisory for Goa

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

MULTIPLE cases of fraud, robbery and illegal confinement involving Japanese tourists visiting the famed Anjuna beach in south Goa has led to Japan's Consulate General in Mumbai issuing an advisory for its citizens to move with caution.

Following the relaxation of restrictions imposed due to the outbreak of Covid, people have begun to travel in large numbers, the advisory said.

The Japanese mission has asked tourists to be vigilant while travelling to places like the Anjuna beach in Goa. The Consulate General stated that there have been several cases of illegal confinement, fraud and robbery involving Japanese tourists near Anjuna beach in Goa.

"Due to the relaxation of immigration restrictions due to the novel coronavirus infection, the number of people traveling overseas is increasing, and as a result, the activities of criminal groups targeting travelers may be increasing, so please be careful," the advisory issued in Japanese language stated.

The advisory has said that criminal groups in the state have been targetting travellers and falsely implicating them in cases of possession of banned drugs and then extorting money from them.

Last year, 2022, a 59-year old Japanese tourist was falsely implicated in illegal possession of banned drugs and was also arrested by Anjuna police. Aparently, the police had recovered these drugs from a vehicle parked outside his rented accommodation.

> A slap in the face of bombastic claims. Unprecedented that a foreign government has to warn its citizens against tourism in Goa
>
> Vijai Sardesai, former Deputy CM, Goa

Meanwhile, the Japanese Embassy in Delhi did not respond to our query on more details of the advisory.

In Goa, this said advisory has created a political row. The opposition parties are accusing the BJP-led government of not making the tourists feel safe in Goa.

"A slap in the face of bombastic claims. Unprecedented that a foreign government has to warn its citizens against tourism in Goa," said Vijai Sardesai, former Deputy Chief Minister of Goa.

PM to open section of first wildlife-friendly expressway

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE first section of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway between the national capital and Dausa in Rajasthan is complete. PM Narendra Modi will inaugurate the part of the high-speed controlled access highway touted as Asia's largest wildlife friendly corridor, on Sunday.

On the occasion, he will also lay the foundation stone of three national highway projects to be developed at a cost of more than ₹5,940 crore.

The new stretch will reduce travelling time between Delhi and Jaipur to just three and half hours. The expressway will have several wayside amenities and three animal overpasses and five underpasses to facilitate unrestricted movement of wildlife.

Once completed, the National Highways Authority of India plans to plant 20 lakh saplings along its entire length. Three-feet high boundary walls and sound barricades are being put for protection of animals.

Developed at a cost of more than ₹12,150 crore, this first completed section of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway will provide a major boost to the economic development of the entire region, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said.

Aerial shot of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway

The Delhi-Mumbai Expressway will be India's longest with a length of 1,386 km. It will reduce travel distance between Delhi and Mumbai by 12 per cent, from 1,424 km to 1,242 km, while the travel time will be cut by 50 per cent, from the current 24 hours to 12 hours.

The expressway will pass through six states of Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra and connect major cities like Kota, Indore, Jaipur, Bhopal, Vadodara and Surat.

It will also serve 93 PM Gati Shakti Economic Nodes, 13 ports, eight major airports and eight multi-modal logistics parks (MMLPs) along with spurs to new upcoming greenfield airports such as Jewar Airport, Navi Mumbai Airport and JNPT port.

It will have a catalytic impact in the developmental trajectory of all adjoining regions, thus contributing in a major way in the economic transformation of the country, the PMO said.

"On #Delhi_Mumbai_Expressway, wayside amenities are being developed across the corridor to provide standardized World-Class infrastructure and ancillary services for the highway network.

Need policy on alcohol consumption: Rights group

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

AS India does not have a central policy to reduce alcohol consumption and is among the few countries which do not have guidelines on safe consumption, there is an urgent need for the government to recognise this issue and introduce cost-effective actions, including increasing taxes on alcoholic beverages, said a consumer rights group.

Urging the government to consider a complete ban on the sale of alcohol in all forms of ultra-small packs or miniatures, sold in tetra, plastic or glass bottles, below a certain quantity, Consumer Voice said what is worrying is that consumption has increased among the age group of 15-30 years.

Quoting the World Health Organization (WHO), Ashim Sanyal, the chief executive officer of the organisation, said that between 2005 and 2016, India's per capita consumption of pure alcohol almost doubled from 2.4 litres to 5.7 litres.

Most of this consumption was from beverages with high alcohol-by-volume content or hard liquor such as whiskey, vodka, rum, gin, IMFLs and country liquor, he added.

IMFLs and country liquor were more preferred than low-alcohol beverages like beer and wines. As of 2017, the total market share of hard liquor in India stood at a massive 84 per cent, he said. The study recommended that raising the price of the cheapest forms of alcohol by setting a minimum unit price will significantly impact risky drinking.

India's average per capita consumption of hard liquor was the highest in the world at 13.5 litres of pure alcohol compared to just 1.1 litres of pure alcohol from beer from 2010-2016. This report was commissioned by Consumer Voice and authored by Gateway Consulting, a public policy and communications firm.

Sanyal said that a primary reasons for the high consumption of beverages with high alcohol content is that they are more affordable as compared to low alcohol content beverages like beer and wine.

Between 2005 and 2016, while the average per capita consumption levels dropped across most countries, including the Netherlands, Spain, Italy and Sweden, per capita consumption in India almost doubled from 2.4 litres to 5.7 litres of pure alcohol during the same period. The report said that India should commit to WHO's Global Alcohol Action Plan 2022-30, which has set a target to reduce the harmful use of alcohol by 20 per cent by 2030.

"With this background, it is imperative that the government considers broader social aspects to include higher healthcare and social care costs while making alcohol policies. We aim to trigger a debate and engage stakeholders to moderate alcohol consumption through policy measures and awareness campaigns," said Tushar Gandhi, CEO of Gateway Consulting.

To sober up India's drinks market

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- India is one of the fastest-growing alcoholic beverage markets globally
- Estimated market size of $52.5 billion in 2020 (expected to grow at 6.8% between 2020 and 2023)
- **From 2.4 litres to 5.7 litres:** India's per capita consumption of pure alcohol doubled
- **At 13.5 litres :** Per capita consumption highest in the world consumption highest

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Introduction of cost-effective actions, including increasing taxes on alcoholic beverages
- Complete ban on sale of alcohol in all forms of ultra-small packs or miniatures, sold in tetra, plastic or glass bottles
- Raising price of cheapest forms of alcohol by setting minimum unit price – a remedy to check risky drinking

WHO's Global Alcohol Action Plan 2022-30: India should commit to WHO's Global Alcohol Action Plan 2022-30, target to reduce harmful use of alcohol by at least 20 per cent by 2030, Consumer Voice said

Govt mulls redevelopment of GPRA colonies across states

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE Centre is mulling redevelopment of General Pool Residential Accommodations (GPRA) colonies at 50 locations across the country. The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) held a meeting of officials on Friday to discuss framing of proposals for redevelopment and review the details such as number of existing dwelling units, area and unutilised floor area ratio.

All special director generals (SDGs) and additional director generals (ADGs) were asked to send details of Central government settlements and land available for the proposed construction under their jurisdiction with their year of construction and dilapidated state of the structures, said officials in the know of the matter.

The shortage of official accommodations for government employees, particularly in the national capital, has been a matter of concern for the authorities and the Central Government for years. Eligible officials have to wait to get an accommodation for a long time.

Optimum use of land resources

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Over 1 lakh
residential units in 347 GPRA colonies in 61 cities

The idea is to augment the housing stock by making optimum utilisation of land resources and using state-of-the-art construction technology with green building norms and in-house solid and liquid waste management facilities, said the ministry

To streamline allotment in a transparent manner, the MoHUA has launched the 'e-sampada' portal as well as a mobile application in 2020.

According to the portal, there are more than one lakh residential units in 347 GPRA colonies in 61 cities.

Crumbling state of some of the properties is another concern for the Government hence their redevelopment is being planned. Thus, the ministry initiated proposal to revamp existing old dilapidated housing colonies — East Kidwai Nagar, New Moti Bagh, Sarojini Nagar, Netaji Nagar, Nauroji Nagar, Kasturba Nagar, Thyagraj Nagar, Srinivaspuri and Mohammadpur through National Buildings Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC) and CPWD in New Delhi.

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MINOR RAPED

A four-year-old girl was allegedly raped by her neighbour in a Muzaffarnagar village in UP, police said on Saturday. The accused, 21-year-old Ankur, has been booked and is absconding. Efforts are on to arrest him, the official said.

3 KILLED IN TRUCK COLLISION WITH A 'BAGGHI' IN UP'S MEERUT

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	32	15	Mumbai	35	23
Bhopal	30	10	Panaji	30	23
Jaipur	25	10	Patna	28	12
Amritsar	21	04	Lucknow	27	10
Chennai	31	22	Port Blair	32	23
Kolkata	33	18	Imphal	27	10
Srinagar	04	-6	Chandigarh	21	06

UP biz meet: ₹33L cr investment proposals, 18K MoUs

State government has estimated creation of 92 lakh jobs opportunities

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

UTTAR Pradesh has so far received intents of investment worth over ₹32.92 lakh crore after inking more than 18,000 agreements at the Global Investors Summit-2023, surpassing the records of investments received by other states, including Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh.

With investment proposals of this magnitude coming to UP, the state government has estimated creation of 92 lakh jobs opportunities. "If realised, these many jobs will be a record," says a senior state government official.

As per officials, the Vibrant Gujarat summits have fetched investment proposals worth a maximum of ₹15 lakh crore. Similarly, the Invest Madhya Pradesh meet organised in January this year had logged investment proposals to the tune of ₹15 lakh crore. The Shivraj Singh Chouhan government had promised 29 lakh jobs. Similarly, the Ashok Gehlot government in Rajasthan had received ₹11 lakh crore investment proposals with a promise of 10 lakh jobs at the summit organised in October 2022.

In Odisha also, at the 2022 investors summit, investment intents worth ₹10 lakh crore were received by the Naveen Patnaik government, while in the Karnataka business summit in 2022, proposals for investment worth ₹9.8 lakh crore were submitted.

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during the UP Global Investors Summit 2023 in Lucknow on Saturday | PTI

According to Industrial Development Commissioner Arvind Kumar, the investment proposals are likely to cross the figure of ₹34 lakh crore after the agreements of ₹75,000 crore signed with Reliance Industries Ltd and ₹25,000 crore inked with the Hinduja group.

The state government authorities say the worth of investment proposals received so far by the Uttar Pradesh government is 40% more than the total Gross Domestic Product of the state, as it is estimated to be around ₹21 lakh crore in financial year 2022-23.

The UP government had set an initial target of ₹11.25 crore which was revised to ₹17.3 lakh crore after the road shows held by the ministers of the Yogi Adityanath government across 21 cities of 16 countries. Now the target has been left far behind with the incoming intents. The UP Global Investors Summit comes ahead of similar business meets in other states, including Andhra Pradesh which has planned a meet in Vishakhapatnam on March 3-4, followed by Maharashtra later this year.

UP known for connectivity, says Gadkari

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

UNION Road and Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari claimed that Uttar Pradesh was the best destination for investment as opportunities in the field of e-mobility were enormous in the state due to the abundance of water, energy, human resources, and excellent connectivity. He had a word of praise for UP CM Yogi Adityanath saying his efforts to improve the state's agriculture and industry had changed people's perceptions of Uttar Pradesh.

Batting for the use of electric vehicles and advancement in the sector, Gadkari stated that electric vehicles were currently being produced in the country and were the future of automobile industry. "₹100 crore is spent on diesel to build a road worth ₹1,000 crore. Using electronic machinery, on the other hand, will reduce this expense to just 10 crores, saving 90 crores," said the minister.

H added that said that market availability, raw material availability, and the most recent technology were crucial components for industrial development and that there was no market scarcity in India.

GIS-'23: Ayodhya, Mathura, Kashi have shown path of transformation, says Scindia

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

ACKNOWLEDGING the importance of Uttar Pradesh with the largest population as the most favourable destination for investment, Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia felt that be it Ayodhya, the land of Lord Ram or Mathura, the land of Lord Krishna or even Kashi, UP had always shown a path of transformation culturally, philosophically and spiritually to the nation.

During an interaction on Saturday, the minister said that the sector of civil aviation, the services of which were was limited to the elitest few till a few years ago was democratized a great deal to become the bullwork of travel and transportation for the masses in the country and also in states like Uttar Pradesh reflecting a huge transformation.

When asked about the upcoming international airport projects in UP, the minister said that UP would soon would have 21 airports (five international and 16 domestic), the highest number in the country.

Over the growing potential of civil aviation sector in the country, Scindia claimed that

the 200 million pre-covid travellers — 144 million domestic and 60 million foreign – will be increased to become 400 million in the next five years in the country.

When asked with reference to UP, Scindia said that the number of air traffic movement which was just 604 in 2014 had now grown into 1490 air traffic movements at a growth rate oof 146 per cent. On the number of jobs the sector would offer to the youth of the state, the minister said civil aviation across the world had become a driver of GDP multiplier.

It is also an employment multiplier with one direct job in the sector leads to six indirect jobs, he said.

RAIPUR DIARY

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Guv 'unhappy' over writ petition on quota bills

Chhattisgarh Governor's office had written a letter stating governor Anusuiya Uikey was 'unhappy' and expresses 'displeasure' against the state government and advocate general over the writ petition filed against the governor's secretariat on pending reservation bills. The letter, dated February 9 and addressed to the chief secretary of the state, further sought answers from the government in five days asking under what circumstances, the advocate general had filed a writ petition against the governor. The advocate general of Chhattisgarh, Satish Chandra Verma responding to the letter said he has not yet received the letter officially.

Maoist-hit Narayanpur in top performer list

Narayanpur, one of the worst Maoist-hit districts in the conflict zone Bastar in south Chattisgarh, has secured fourth position among the top five districts under the 'overall performance' category among the 112 aspirational districts in the country according to the Champions of the Change Delta Ranking released by the NITI Aayog. Narayanpur defied the Maoist threat as the district administration came closer to the local tribal population leading the district to third position in the health and nutrition category owing to the efforts initiated by the state. The achievement is a well-grounded beginning in the direction of growth and progress of the state.

Opp criticises upcoming short Budget session

With the state Assembly polls scheduled later this year, all eyes will be on the annual budget for the fiscal year 2023-24 to be presented by CM Bhupesh Baghel, who also holds the finance portfolio. The upcoming budget session will commence from March 1. The session also assumes significance as it will be held amid the Reservation Amendment bill standoff between the ruling Congress and the Rajbhawan. The opposition BJP criticised the Congress government for keeping the budget session short with only 13 sittings and allegedly trying to evade the questions on 'poor governance'.

Maha govt orders SIT probe into journo's murder

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

AMID pressure from the Opposition, the Maharashtra government on Saturday ordered a probe by a Special Investigation Team into the alleged murder of journalist Shashikant Warishe.Warishe, 48, was on February 7 mowed down and dragged for some distance by an SUV, allegedly driven by Pandarinath Amberkar, a property dealer.

Locals allege Warishe was murdered for writing articles in a local newspaper against Amberkar, who is a supporter of the proposed Ratnagiri Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd in Barsu.The project is being opposed by farmers and activists over pollution concerns. Amberkar has reportedly threatened those opposed to land acquisition for the project.

Warishe was working for Marathi daily *Mahanagari Times* and had written an article criticising Amberkar, which was titled 'Photo of a criminal alongside PM, CM and DCM'. It came out a day before his murder. Police have arrested Amberkar.

The Opposition slammed the government over the law and order situation in the state.

PMO directs Uttarakhand govt for early resolution of Joshimath rehabilitation

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE Prime Minister's Office has directed the state government to formulate an immediate rehabilitation policy to rehabilitate affected people after the damage caused by the natural disaster in Joshimath earlier this year.

A meeting was held at the PMO on Friday, in which the preliminary report of the technical institutions was presented on behalf of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

In a meeting chaired by Tarun Kapoor, Advisor to the Prime Minister in New Delhi, the Member Secretary of NDMA briefed about the progress made so far. According to sources, "It was told by NDMA that Joshimath has been divided into high, medium and low risk areas. Accordingly, further strategy is being made".

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>
> State disaster management official

"Preliminary survey reports of eight scientific and technical institutions have been received. The report is being compiled. It will soon be handed over to the Uttarakhand government after the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs", said state disaster management official.

In the meeting, Uttarakhand Chief Secretary Dr S.S. Sandhu shared information with the PMO about the steps taken by the state government so far. The PMO was also apprised about the temporarily displaced families and the facilities for them.

According to sources, the focus of the meeting was on early policy formulation by the PMO on the reconstruction and displacement of Joshimath. Speculations are being made that the government may bring the rehabilitation, displacement and reconstruction policy of Joshimath in the cabinet meeting to be held on February 15.

Nadda woos tribals in Bastar, slams govt for Maoist violence

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

BJP president JP Nadda on Saturday launched the party's poll campaign from the tribal-dominated Bastar region, stating that Maoist attacks have increased under the present Congress regime led by Bhupesh Baghel. While addressing a public rally at Jagdalpur, Nadda said he was deeply pained by the recent killing of three BJP leaders by Maoists in Bastar region.

The BJP is vying for the support of tribals in the Assembly elections that are scheduled to be held later this year.

"There was peace, with no law and order problems during the Raman Singh government. But the situation changed under the Congress government. Another name of the Congress is deception. The BJP stands for development while the Congress creates hurdles," Nadda said, recounting that the decision of creating a separate Chhattisgarh state was taken by former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

The BJP leader enumerated the initiatives for the tribal population taken by the BJP

BJP National President JP Nadda with BJP National Vice President Raman Singh on his way for a public meeting in Jagdalpur, Bastar district on Saturday

government during its 15-year-rule and how it was the Modi government that gave a member of the tribal community an opportunity to become the President of India.

"Today, there are eight tribal ministers in the Modi-led Centre, besides three governors appointed from the tribal community," he added. In the previous Assembly elections, the BJP could win only one seat — Dantewada — in the Bastar region, which the party later lost to the ruling Congress in the bypoll after MLA Bheema Mandavi was killed in an IED blast triggered by Maoists in 2019. The Congress now has MLAs from all 12 constituencies in Bastar zone. Nadda later went to Narayanpur district to meet the family members of district vice-president Sagar Sahu who was killed by Maoists on Friday.

Congress state president Mohan Markam, who also hails from Bastar's Kondagaon region, took a jibe at Nadda, pointing out that the BJP president couldn't ensure his party's win in the elections in his home state of Himachal Pradesh.

3 days after walking out of House, Bengal BJP chief meets Governor

PRONAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THREE days after BJP MLAs walked out of the West Bengal assembly while governor C.V. Ananda Bose was addressing the House, saffron camp's state chief Sukanta Majumdar met the constitutional head of the state on Saturday at Raj Bhavan and handed over him a letter seeking his intervention to 'save the education system of West Bengal from further downfall'.

Majumdar, after meeting Bose, stated that the governor said he maintains zero tolerance related to corruption and violence-free upcoming panchayat polls. This was the first meeting of the governor with a BJP leader since he assumed office in November last year.

"With due regards and under a compelling situation, I am bound to draw your attention to save the education system of West Bengal from further downfall," Majumdar wrote in his letter to Bose.

When Bose was addressing the assembly for the first time

three days ago, BJP MLAs walked out of the House alleging that the governor was misguided by the Trinamool Congress-led government and he should follow the footsteps of other governors.

In his letter, Majumdar reminded Bose of the ongoing probe by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and CBI into alleged recruitment scam through the School Service Commission (SSC). "Already thousands of teaching and non-teaching staffs have been terminated by the high court and the counting is still going on,"

'Thousands of teaching staff terminated'

The ruling TMC is facing embarrassment as the central agencies already arrested former education minister Partha Chatterjee and other senior SC officials and a vice-chancellor in connection with the alleged scam. The Calcutta High Court already directed to sack more than 2,500 teachers and non-teaching staffs who were recruited illegally.

Majumdar mentioned.

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Daughter-in-law of UP don held in jail escape plot

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

THE daughter-in-law of gangster-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari and wife of his MLA son Abbas Ansari was arrested on charges of allegedly planning her husband's escape from jail. Two mobile phones, currency of Saudi Arabia, ₹21,000 in cash and some gold ornaments were recovered from her when she had gone to the Chitrakoot jail to meet Abbas on Friday.

DIG jail has suspended eight police personnel including Jail Superintendent Ashok Kumar Sagar and Deputy Jailor Sushil Kumar, jail warder Jagmohan and unidentified jail employees who were on duty in Chitrakoot jail with immediate effect.

Abbas Ansari, the Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party MLA is in jail since November 2022 for a case under Arms Act. Police sources say that Abbas's wife Nikhat Ansari had reached jail without getting an entry done and was accused of attempting to destroy data from phone.

Meghalaya Congress menifesto: Free power, LPG, healthcare for all

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Tura

THE Congress on Saturday made 14 commitments to the people in election-bound Meghalaya. The promises made through the party's election manifesto include free healthcare for all, free education for every girl child, free roof for every BPL family, ₹ 500 crore corpus fund for building infrastructure for religious gatherings, 200 units of free power and free LPG cylinder to each household with consumption expenditure below the poverty line and one job to every household through the promotion of mass entrepreneurship.

"Our first and foremost commitment is to protect our rich indigenous traditions and cultures and preserve the unity and diversity of the state. Our goal has always been to work for the state where every religion is respected and no one is discriminated against for their culture or belief systems unlike other political parties, particularly the BJP, which believes in destroying the very idea of India enshrined in our Constitution," the Congress said. The party said it was committed to providing free healthcare for the citizens under its soon-to-be-unveiled Free Health Care Scheme.

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>
> Congress

"We are committed to providing free education to every girl child from kindergarten to XII standard. This initiative of ours will go a long way in empowering every girl child to fulfil her dream, ambition and aspiration," the party said.

The Congress promised that it would provide every BPL household with quality roofing materials in a phased implementation. "We will establish a dedicated State University with special focus on job-oriented and market-ready courses such as IOT (Internet of Things), Block Chain Technology, IT and ITES. We are committed to establishing a Special Urban Police Force which will be modern, people-friendly and equipped to handle city-based crime scenarios using the latest technology and equipment," the party said.

"We will restore the dignity of all teachers. No more delay in salaries. Our teachers don't have to resort to dharna or protests for their legitimate demands. We respect you and your profession and your justified demands will be fulfilled because we respect the dignity of your profession and acknowledge your selfless service," the manifesto reads.

The Congress further promised to establish an exclusive market for women where products with "Proudly Made in Meghalaya" tag will be marketed and sold. It proposed to augment power supply by an additional 500MW through clean and green technologies.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

COMMISSIONER SURVEY SETTLEMENT AND LAND RECORDS (SS& LR)

Revenue Department, K.R.Circle, Bangalore-560001,
Ph: 91-080-22212408, Fax: 91-080-22277528

No: GEM/2023/B/3113400 Dated: 10.02.2023

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sub:- Procurement of 400 GNSS ROVERS to Survey Settlement and Land Records Department through GeM portal-reg.

Commissioner SS&LR, Revenue Department Government of Karnataka is desirous of procurement of 400 GNSS ROVERS through GeM portal. Bids are invited from interested agencies in this regard. GeM Bid is invited from agencies for procurement of 400 GNSS ROVERS. The Bid is available in GeM website **https://mkp.gem.gov.in/market** from **10-02-2023.** Interested firms may register with GeM to participate in bidding process. Last date of submission of bid is **02-03-2023.**

Sd/-
C.N.Sreedhara, IAS
Additional Director,
Survey Settlement & Land Records,
Bangalore

DIPR/CP/4649/SHIRDISAI/2022-23

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Avathi Branch
Devanahalli Road,
No.151,, N H 7 Avathi Po.,
Bangalore Rural Dist, Karnataka

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **04.01.2022** calling upon the borrower **Sri Kiran kumar C** S/o Channarayappa H C to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.17,69,270/-** (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousands Two Hundreds Seventy Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **10th day of February of the year 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs. 20,28,187.74/-** and interest thereon.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the residential site property bearing no. 23 formed in Survey no. 82, Present Corporation no. 56, Corporation division No.1, situated at Mathikere, behind SBM Colony, Bangalore city, measuring East – West : 30ft, North- South 40 ft and bounded on : On the North by: Property No. 22, On the South by: Property No. 24, On the East by: Property No.30, On the West by: 30 ft Road.

Date : 10.02.2023
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

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APPENDIX-IV-A
[See proviso to rule 8 (6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction ofFinancial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of theSecurity Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers and Guarantors that thebelow described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructivePossession **02.06.2016 and 25.10.2016** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of TheDhanlaxmi Bank Ltd. Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", 'As is what is", and "Whateverthere is" on 01.03.2023 for recovery of Rs.5,01,99,662.91/- (Rupees Five Crores one lakh ninety ninethousand six hundred and sixty two and paise ninety one Only) as on 26.01.2023 due to Dhanlaxmi BankLtd , Secured Creditor from M/s.Bijith International Builders, represented by its Prop: Mr.T.U.Balan,No.G1, Bank Avenue (Bijith Towers) 7 th Cross,Nanjappa Garden,Kalyan Nagar, Babusapalaya,Bangalore-560 043 and Smt.Shoba Balan, W/o Sri T.U .Balan & Sri. Subith Balan, S/o. Sri.T.U.Balan all are residing at 601, Bank Avenue ,Bijith Towers, 7 th cross, Nanjappa Garden,Kalyan Nagar,Babusapalya, Bangalore-560043 and also at: Sy.No.57/1, 57/3, Engadiyur Village, Chavakkad Taluk, Thrissur District,Kerala.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

1. All the piece and parcel of the Residential Flat of 1200 sq.ft located at G1 Bijith Bhavanam, Amar Residency,Horamavu Main Road,Bangalore in the name of T.U.Balan
Reserve Price : Rs.31,50,000/-, Earnest Money Deposit : Rs.3,15,000/-
2. All the piece and parcel of the Residential flat of 1379 sq.ft at flat No.109 at Bijith Classic ,K.Narayanapura Main Road, Christu Jayanthi College, Kothanur PO, Bangalore in the name of T.U.Balan.Reserve Price: Rs.61,00,000/- Earnest Money Deposit : Rs.6,10,000/-
3. All the piece and parcel of the Residential flat of 1643 sq.ft at flat No.408 at Bijith Classic ,K.Narayanapura Main Road, Christu Jayanthi College, Kothanur PO, Bangalore in the name of T.U.Balan
Reserve Price: Rs. 53,25,000/- Earnest Money Deposit : Rs.5,32,500/-

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Dhanlaxmi Bank's website i.e. www.dhanbank.com

Date: 08.02.2023
Place: Bangalore
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Authorised Officer
Dhanlaxmi Bank Ltd.

Indian Overseas Bank
1335, Nalina Complex, II Stage, 11th Cross, 7th Main, Nagapura Main Road, Bangalore-560086.
Ph.No.080-22950323/22950322, E-mail: iob1775@iob.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under (Rule 8 (1)) of SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Indian Overseas Bank** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 28.11.2022** calling upon the borrowers and guarantors:- **1) M/s Crystal Enterprises (Borrower),** No.5, B.H.Road, Hirehally Industrial Area, Hirehalli Post, Tumakuru, Karnataka-572168. **2) Mr. Adnan Maved, S/o Mr. Maved Sageer Ahmed (Borrower/ Mortgagor),** No.22, 2nd Main Road, Muneshwara Layout, Manorayanpalya, Bengaluru-560032. **3) Mr. Abdul Majid Maved, S/o Mr. Maved Sageer Ahmed (Borrower),** No.22, 2nd Main Road, Muneshwara Layout, Manorayanpalya Bengaluru-560032. **Guarantors:- 1) Mr. Adnan Maved, S/o Mr. Maved Sageer Ahmed (Mortgagor/Guarantor),** No.22, 2nd Main Road, Muneshwara Layout, Manorayanpalya, Bengaluru-560032. **2) Mr. Abdul Majid Maved, S/o Mr. Maved Sageer Ahmed (Guarantor),** No.22, 2nd Main Road, Muneshwara Layout, Manorayanpalya Bengaluru-560032 to repay the total amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.2,57,35,234/- (Rupees Two crore fifty seven lakhs thirty five thousand two hundred and thirty four only)** as on 27.11.2022 with further interest at contractual rates/rests within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him /her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **10th day of February of the year 2023.**

The borrower in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Overseas Bank, for an amount **Rs.2,57,35,234/- (Rupees Two crore fifty seven lakhs thirty five thousand two hundred and thirty four only)** as on 27.11.2022 with interest thereon at contractual rates and rests as agreed charges etc.from the aforesaid date mentioned in the Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is **Rs.2,64,80,244/- (Rupees Two crore sixty four lakhs eighty thousand two hundred and forty four only)** payable with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc. till date of payment.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provision of Sub-Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:- All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site Nos.7, 8 & 9, Old VP Khatha No.636/144, Assessment No.9/2, Kacharakanahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk and subsequently bearing Byatarayanapura CMC khatha No.610/912/7, 8 & 9 now under BBMP in its Ward No.24, HBR layout bearing Municipal Khatha No.400/117/636/144/9/2/7/8&9, Kacharakanahalli situated at Yasin Nagar, Kacharakanahalli, 2nd Block, HBR Layout, Bengaluru. **Measurements:** East to West: 36+31/2 ft; North to South: 77 ft in all 2580 square feet with AC Sheet House with all civic amenities, rights, etc absolute and **bounded on the: East by:** Property belongs to Smt.Salma, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Private property.

This property is in the name of Mr. Adnan Maved

Date: 10-02-2023
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Indian Overseas Bank

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(GATI SHAKTI/ MADURAI)
E-TENDER

TENDER NOTICE No GS-MDU-08A-2023 dated 09.02.2023
TENDER NOTICE No GS-MDU-09-2023 dated 09.02.2023
TENDER NOTICE No GS-MDU-07B-2023 dated 09.02.2023
TENDER NOTICE No GS-MDU-10-2023 dated 09.02.2023

For and on behalf of The President of India, the Dy. Chief Engineer, Gati Shakti, Southern Railway, Madurai-625 016 invites e- tender for the work as per Notice inviting Tender(NIT) in our portal **www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderers/Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and **only online tenders will be accepted.**

Notice No	NAME OF WORK
GS-MDU 08A-2023 dated 09.02.2023	Providing architectural and Technical Consultancy for feasibility study, preparing Concept Plans, Master Plan, Urban/architectural designing, relevant structural designs, drawings, Technical Feasibility Report, Estimate and Tender Schedules for upgradation and Preparation of Technical Feasibility Report (TFR) for major upgradation of AMBASAMUDRAM & PUNALUR Stations of Madurai Division under AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME.
GS-MDU 09-2023 dated 09.02.2023	Providing architectural and Technical Consultancy for feasibility study, preparing Concept Plans, Master Plan, Urban/architectural designing, relevant structural designs, drawings, Technical Feasibility Report, Estimate and Tender Schedules for upgradation and Preparation of Technical Feasibility Report (TFR) for major upgradation of MANAPARAI & PALANI Stations of Madurai Division under AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME.
GS-MDU 07B-2023 dated 09.02.2023	Providing architectural and Technical Consultancy for feasibility study, preparing Concept Plans, Master Plan, Urban/architectural designing, relevant structural designs, drawings, Technical Feasibility Report, Estimate and Tender Schedules for upgradation and Preparation of Technical Feasibility Report (TFR) for major upgradation of TIRUCHENDUR & TENKASI Stations of Madurai Division under AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME.
GS-MDU 10-2023 dated 09.02.2023	Providing architectural and Technical Consultancy for feasibility study, preparing Concept Plans, Master Plan, Urban/architectural designing, relevant structural designs, drawings, Technical Feasibility Report, Estimate and Tender Schedules for upgradation and Preparation of Technical Feasibility Report (TFR) for major upgradation of KARAIKUDI Stations of Madurai Division under AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME.

Notice No.	Approximate cash value in Rupees	Period of completion in Month(s)	Closing Date @
GS-MDU-08A-2023 dated 09.02.2023	2249153.00	Twelve	24.02.2023/15.00Hrs
GS-MDU-09-2023 dated 09.02.2023	2370743.00	Twelve	24.02.2023/15.00Hrs
GS-MDU-07B-2023 dated 09.02.2023	2438445.00	Twelve	24.02.2023/15.00Hrs
GS-MDU-10-2023 dated 09.02.2023	1539457.00	Twelve	24.02.2023/15.00Hrs

For further details, refer to web site portal **www.ireps.gov.in** or contact Office of Deputy Chief Engineer /Gati Shakti, Madurai-625 016.

Deputy Chief Engineer, Gati Shakti, Madurai.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor (Maximus ARC Limited), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Maximus ARC Limited,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 17.03.2023,** for recovery of **Rs.127,99,31,323/- (Rupees One Hundred Twenty-Seven Crores Ninety-Nine Lakhs Thirty-One Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty-Three Only)** outstanding as on 31.01.2023 with further interest, charges, costs till the date of realization due to **M/s. Maximus ARC Limited** (which debt was assigned to **M/s.Maximus ARC Limited** by Bank of India vide Assignment agreement dated 17-11-2017) from **M/s. Madanapalle Spinning Mills Limited [Borrower] (In Liquidation** as per the order dated 12-04-2019 of the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in CoP No.199/2010) and **Mr. Lakshmikant Bhandari, Mr. Gopaldas Bhandari, and M/s. Bhandari Spinning Mills Ltd. [Guarantors].** The **Reserve price will be Rs.900 Lakhs for Lot-1 and Rs.2520 Lakhs for Lot-2. The Earnest Money Deposit will be Rs.90 Lakhs for Lot-1 and Rs.252 Lakhs for Lot-2.**

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Description of property

Lot-1: All that Plant & Machinery lying at the factory premises of **Madanapalle Spinning Mills Limited** and fastened to the earth located at Kothavaripalle Village, Madanapalle, Chittoor District (Old), Annamayya District (New), Andhra Pradesh belonging to **M/s. Madanapalle Spinning Mills Limited (In Liquidation).**

Near Description of Machinery:

Particulars	Quantity
Blow Room Machinery Consisting of GBR-2Nos, Axiflow-AFC, Multi Mixer-MPM, BE-Feeding Unit, Step Cleaner (SRB-6), RK-Opener, BE-Feeding Unit-2, Step Cleaner (SRS-6), RN-Opener Scutcher-2Nos Make: TRUTZCHLER; TRUMACINDIA	3 Sets
Bale Opener make: KJ Engg.	2 Nos
Carding Machines-LMW-LC300A	2 Nos
Carding Machines-Lakshmi Rieter-LRC1/2	8 Nos
Carding Machines-DK-740	10 Nos
Drawing Machine-Lakshmi Rieter DO/2S-6Nos; DO/6-4Nos	10 Nos
Ring Frames-5HS; 864 Spindles; Textool	1 Nos
Combing Machines-Lakshmi Rieter-2Nos; Ribbon Lap-3Nos; Silver Lap-3Nos	8 Nos
Combers-E7/4	23 Nos
OE-BDA20	4 Nos
Simplex-Preparatory-SPLSpeed Frames	3 Nos
Speed Frames-LF1400	14 Nos
Draw Frames-DO2S	6 Nos
Draw Frames-LRDO6	4 Nos
Ring Frames-LRG5/1; 864 Spindles; Lakshmi Rieter	15 Nos
Ring Frames-LRDJ/5;420 Spindles; Lakshmi Rieter	15 Nos
Carding Machines-Rieter-C1/3	23 Nos
DoublingMachine-LongFrame (i) NMM-18Nos (ii) LakshmiRieter-15Nos	33 Nos
Ring Frames-5HS; 864 Spindles; Textool	29 Nos
Ring Frames-DJF	4 Nos
Scutchers	2 Nos
Drawing Machine-RSB851	7 Nos
Cone Winding Machines 120 spindles, Textool	13 Nos
D.G.Set-320kVA	1 Set
Chicago Pneumatic- Screw Compressor Model:CPC-75	2 Sets
OHTC	1 Set
Bundling/ Bale Press	1 Nos
Reeling Machiens; Gopal Ranga	21 Nos
Humidification Plants	1 Set
Workshop Machinery	1 Set
Miscellaneous Machinery	1 Set
Electrical Transformers- 3Nos, Cables, Control Panels, Controls, Stabilizers, etc.,	1 Set
Weigh Bridge	1 Nos

Reserve Price: Rs.900 Lakhs; EMD: Rs.90 Lakhs

Lot-2: All that part and parcel of Industrial land admeasuring 31 acres and 80 cents in Sy.No.740/2, 744, 745/2B, and 745/2C, situated at Kothavaripalle Village, Madanapalle Mandal, Chittoor District (Old)-Annamayya District (New), Andhra Pradesh belonging to **M/s. Madanapalle Spinning Mills Ltd** (In Liquidation) and **bounded by East:** Madanapalle - Piler Road, **West:** Land in Sy.No.740/1, **South:** Land in Sy.No.740/1, **North:** Land in Sy. No.745/2A & 739; Upon which a Spinning Mill is constructed comprising of Factory Shed with AC Sheet Roof, Godowns, staff quarters and such other buildings with an aggregate built-up area of 2,55,410 Sq.ft (approximately).

Reserve Price: Rs.2520 Lakhs; EMD: Rs.252 Lakhs

Known encumbrances, if any:

Estimated amount of Workmen Dues as advised by the Official Liquidator, High Court of Karnataka is **Rs.22,64,60,046/-** (Adjudication of corresponding claims by the Official Liquidator is awaited)

The e-auction is being conducted in accordance with the directions of the **Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka** issued vide order dated **25.02.2021** in **Company Application No. 260/2019** in **Company Petition No.199/2010.** On successful conclusion of the Sale, **Maximus ARC Limited** shall deposit workmen dues with the Official Liquidator in accordance with the provision of Section 13(9) of SARFAESI Act 2002.

Date & Time of Inspection of the property: 02.03.2023 between 11.00 A.M to 3 p.m.

Mode of Auction: Online E-Auction through https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net

Last date and time for payment of EMD & submission of bid: On or before 5 p.m on 16.03.2023

Date of E-Auction: For Lot -1 , 17.03.2023, Friday between 10 A.M to 12 noon. For Lot -2 , 17.03.2023, Friday between 1 p.m to 3 p.m.

Bid Increment: Rs.5,00,000/- for Lot-1 and **Rs.10,00,000/- for Lot - 2.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Maximus ARC Limited (Secured Creditor) website i.e. **www.maximusarc.com/tenders**

Date: 08-02-2023
Place: Vijayawada

Sd/- (K.Hari Krishna) Authorized Officer
Maximus ARC Limited

MYSORE PAINTS & VARNISH LTD.,

(A Govt., of Karnataka Undertaking)
New Bannimantap Extension, MYSURU-570 015, Karnataka.
Phone: 0821-2493831/ 2497469/ 2499340, website: www.mysorepaints.karnataka.gov.in
email: materials-mpvl@karnataka.gov.in **Date: 10/02/2023**

TENDER & SHORT TERM RE TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from reputed manufacturers / authorized dealers for supply of the following materials through e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). The details are as mentioned below:

Sl No.	Tender Notification Number	Tender Description	Tender Category	Last Date & Time for submission of Tender / Bids	Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening
01.	MPVL/2022-23/ IND474/CALL-2	Procurement of Resins and Hardner for the production of PU Paints & Synthetic enamel paints and Allied products.	Supply of Goods	21-02-2023	23-02-2023
02.	MPVL/2022-23/ IND475	Procurement of Driers & Wetting Agents, Extenders and Pigments required for Six Months for the production of PU Paints and Synthetic Enamel Paint and Allied Products	Supply of Goods.	28-02-2023	02-03-2023

Interested parties may visit www.mysorepaints.karnataka.gov.in for details and can contact the undersigned for any further clarifications/ information and request to participate in the tender.

For Mysore Paints and Varnish Ltd.,

Sd/- Materials Manager/(TIA)

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Canara Bank

Mid Corporate Branch, Mysuru, No 442, 6th main, Vijayanagar 1st stage, Mysuru-570017

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ONLINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST(ENFORCEMENT) RULES – 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act -2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold through e-auction on the following terms & conditions. E-auction arranged by the service provider **M/s Antares System Ltd.,** Through the website : **www.bankeauctionwizard.com.**

Mid Corporate Branch, Mysuru

Name and Address of the Borrower	**1.M/s Friendly Automotive (India) Pvt Ltd** No 28 Lavelle Road, Ashok Nagar, Begaluru-560001. **2.Sri Raghu Chaithanya Nayak, S/o Yashodhara G Nayak,** No 252, 7th cross, 4th Main, 3rd Stage, Gokulam, Mysuru-570002 **3.Sri Yashodhara Nayak,** No 252, 7th cross, 4th Main, 3rd Stage, Gokulam, Mysuru-570002. **4.Mrs Shubha Nayak,** No 922 New Kantharaj Urs Road, Laxmi Pura M Mysore-570002.
Name and Address of the Guarantor	**5.Mrs Bharathi Urs,[Guarantor] W/O Late Nagaraj Urs,** 64/25,Parijatha Lalitha Mahal Road, Sidhartha Nagar, Mysuru-570011. **6.Mrs Yashasvini Urs,[Guarantor] W/o Sri Raghu Chaithanya Nayak,** No 252, 7th cross, 4th Main, 3rd Stage, Gokulam, Mysuru-570002
Total Liabilities as on (10.02.2023)	**Rs.38,78,92,708/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Crore Seventy Eight Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Eight)** (Further interest and cost thereon)

SL No.	Description of the immovable assets	Reserve Price (Rs in crores)	E.M.D amount (Rs in crores)
1	Continuing Residential Property (Free hold land measuring 21900 sq.ft.: building with plinth area of 1650 sq.ft.) at No: 25/64, Corporation PID No 9777, Lalitha Mahal Road, Nazarbad Mohalla, Mysuru- **Owned by Mrs Bharathi Urs and Mrs Yashaswini Nayak. S.I.400050773696.Property bounded by: East:** Site owned by Mr Balakrishna Setty **West:** Area reserved for high tension line and also road leading to sites at the back **North:** Lalitha Mahal Road **South:** House No 25/64A belonging to Mrs.Rajani Kikkeri	**Rs. 27.86** (Rupees : twenty seven crores and eighty six lakhs)	**Rs. 2.79** (Rupees : two crore seventy nine lakhs)
2	Property site bearing No.21/22/23/26/27/28/29/32/105-[9 sites]** at Srirangapatna Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mandya district- owned by Sri Raghu Chaithanya Nayak	**Rs 7.86 (Rupees seven crore eighty six lakhs) [TOTAL 35 SITES]**	**Rs 0.79 (Rupees seventy nine lakhs)**
3	Property site bearing No.24/51/52/61/62/63/98/99/100/102/103/118/119/120/121/122/123/131/132/133/134/135/136/137/138 and 139-[26 sites] at Srirangapatna Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mandya district- owned by Sri Raghu Chaithanya Nayak		

Sl no	Site No	Khatha No	East	West	North	South	Total area in Sq.mtr	Reserve Price (In Lakhs)	EMD (In Lakhs)
1	21	S-3752 / 343/ 340/21 S.I 400050778730	Site No 12	30' Road	Site No 22	Site No 20	108	20.52	2.06
2	22	S-3753 /343 / 340 /22 S.I 400050779264	Site No 11	30' Road	Site No 23	Site No 21	108	20.52	2.06
3	23	S-3754 / 343 / 340/23 S.I 400050781163	Site No 10	30' Road	Site No 24	Site No 22	108	20.52	2.06
4	24	S-3755 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1, 2/24	Site No 9	30' Road	Site No 25	Site No 23	108	20.52	2.06
5	26	S-3757/343 /340/26 S.I 400050781590	Site No 7	30' Road	Site No 27	Site No 25	108	20.52	2.06
6	27	S-3758/343/ 340/27 S.I 400050794550	Site No 6	30' Road	Site No 28	Site No 26	108	20.52	2.06
7	28	S-3759/343/ 340 /28 S.I 400050815915	Site No 5	30' Road	Site No 29	Site No 27	108	20.52	2.06
8	29	S-3760/343/340 /29 S.I-400050838913	Site No 4	30' Road	Site No 30	Site No 28	108	20.52	2.06
9	51	S-3782/343/1,2,3,4,5/ 340/1,2/51	Site No 46	30' Road	Site No 52	Site No 50	108	20.52	2.06
10	52	S-03783 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1/2/52	Site No 45	30' Road	Site No 53	Site No 51	108	20.52	2.06
11	61	S-03792 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1/2/61	Site No 36	30' Road	Site No 62	Site No 60	108	20.52	2.06
12	62	S-03793 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/62	Site No 35	30' Road	Site No 63	Site No 61	108	20.52	2.06
13	63	S-03794 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/63	Site No 34	30' Road	Site No 64	Site No 62	108	20.52	2.06
14	118	S-3839/ 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/118	Site No 129	30' Road	Site No 117	Site No 119	108	20.52	2.06
15	119	S-3850 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/119	Site No 128	30' Road	Site No 118	Site No 120	108	20.52	2.06
16	120	S-3851 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/120	Site No 127	30' Road	Site No 119	Site No 121	108	20.52	2.06
17	121	S-3852/ 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/121	Site No 126	30' Road	Site No 120	Site No 122	108	20.52	2.06
18	122	S-3853/ 343/ 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/122	Site No 125	30' Road	Site No 121	Site No 123	108	20.52	2.06
19	123	S-3854 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/123	Site No 124	30' Road	Site No 122	Space for public facility	108	20.52	2.06
20	132	S-3863/343/ 1,2,3,4,5 / 340/1,2/132	Site No 153	30' Road	30' Road	Site No 133	108	20.52	2.06
21	133	S-3864 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/133	Site No 152	30' Road	Site No 132	Site No 134	108	20.52	2.06
22	134	S-3865 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/134	Site No 151	30' Road	Site No 133	Site No 135	108	20.52	2.06
23	135	S-3866 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/135	Site No 150	30' Road	Site No 134	Site No 136	108	20.52	2.06
24	136	S-3867/ 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/136	Site No 149	30' Road	Site No 135	Site No 137	108	20.52	2.06
25	137	S-3868 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/137	Site No 148	30' Road	Site No 136	Site No 138	108	20.52	2.06
26	138	S-3869 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/138	Site No 147	30' Road	Site No 137	Site No 139	108	20.52	2.06
27	139	S-3870 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/139	Site No 146	30' Road	Site No 138	Site No 140	108	20.52	2.06
28	32	S-3763 / 343 / 340/32 S.I 400053839071	Site No 1	30' Road	Main Road	Site No 31	210	39.90	3.99
29	98	S-03759/1,2,3,4, 5 / 343 / 340 / 1, 2/98	Site No 99	Site No 97	30' Road	Site No 113	135	25.65	2.56
30	99	S-3830 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/99	Site No 100	Site No 98	30' Road	Site No 112	135	25.65	2.56
31	100	S-3831 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/100	Site No 101	Site No 99	30' Road	Site No 111	135	25.65	2.56
32	102	S-3833 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/102	Site No 103	Site No 101	30' Road	Site No 109	135	25.65	2.56
33	103	S-3834 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/103	Site No 104	Site No 102	30' Road	Site No 108	135	25.65	2.56
34	105	S-3836 / 343 / 340 /105 S.I 400050839698	40' Road	Site No 104	30' Road	Site No 106	195	37.05	3.71
35	131	S-3862 / 343 / 1,2,3,4,5/340/1,2/131	30' Road	Site No 116	Site No 130	30' Road	144	27.36	2.74

Name and address of the secured creditor & Address in which the tender document to be submitted	**Canara Bank, Mid Corporate Branch, Mysuru, No 442, 6th main, Vijayanagar 1st stage, Mysuru-570017**
Date & Time of E-Auction & Place	**15.03.2023, 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM** (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till conclusion of the sale). **Place : Online**
E.M.D. Remittance Details & Last date for submission of E.M.D	Through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to the credit of the account number **1512201000739 Canara Bank, Nazarbad Branch, Mysuru RTGS/NEFT CODE CNRB0000565 on or before 14.03.2023 - 4.00 p.m**
For Further Details Contact Branch & Service Provider	**Canara Bank, Mid Corporate Branch,** Mysuru, No 442, 6th main, Vijayanagar 1st stage, Mysuru-570017 **(Ph. No. 94835-49661, 0821 2528317, 0821 25282355,)** e-mail id : **cb4966@canarabank.com** OR the service provider M/s Antares Systems Ltd, Bangalore (Contact no 9686196756 / 080-49352000, e- mail: sushmitha.b@antaressystems.com, manohar.s@antaressystems.com.

A). The property can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer or M C B BRANCH -94835-49661, 0821-2528317, 0821 25282355, on or before 14.03.2023

B). Portal of E-Auction : for further details and Terms & Conditions refer our Website : www.bankeauctionwizard.com

Date : 12.02.2023
Place : Mysuru

Sd/-Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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THREE

soldiers killed, 20 injured in a suicide attack on a vehicle of security forces in Pak's North Waziristan

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	3	-4	TDS	Los Angeles	16	8	LC
Colombo	29	23	LC	Melbourne	19	14	HR
Dhaka	31	18	TDS	Moscow	-2	-9	HR
Dubai	28	18	SNY	New York	9	4	LC
Houston	18	8	SNY	Singapore	29	25	TDS
Istanbul	7	3	LC	Toronto	4	-1	LC
London	11	4	LC	Washington	5	4	LC

UKRAINE INDEPENDENCE PUSH IN DRAFT U.N.G.A. RESOLUTION

UNITED NATIONS

UKRAINE'S supporters have circulated a proposed resolution for adoption by the 193-member UN General Assembly on the eve of the first anniversary of Russia's invasion of its smaller neighbour that would underscore the need for peace ensuring Ukraine's "sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity."

The draft, obtained on Friday by *Associated Press*, is entitled "Principles underlying a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in Ukraine."

General Assembly spokesperson Paulina Kubiak said that a reactivated emergency session of the General Assembly on Ukraine will start from February 22.

Dozens of speeches are expected to continue through most of February 23 and the vote is expected late that day.

The Charter states that all UN member nations "shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state," and must settle disputes peacefully.

The draft calls on UN member states and international organisations "to redouble support for diplomatic efforts" to achieve peace on those terms.

The proposed resolution reiterates the General Assembly's previous demand that Russia "immediately, completely, and unconditionally withdraw all of its military forces" from Ukraine's internationally recognised borders. And it reaffirms that no territory acquired by the threat or use of force will be considered legal.

The draft demands that all prisoners of war, detainees and internees be treated in accordance with the Geneva conventions and calls for "complete exchange" of prisoners of war, the release of people unlawfully detained, "and return of all internees and of civilians forcibly transferred and deported, including children." *AP*

People hold their empty water jugs while they wait for their turn to refill them with drinking water in Kyiv, Ukraine on Saturday | AP

Russia could take over 2 yrs to get full control over Donbas: Wagner group

KYIV

THE owner of the Russian Wagner Group private military contractor actively involved in the fighting in Ukraine has predicted that the war could drag on for years.

Yevgeny Prigozhin said in a video interview released late on Friday that it could take 18 months to two years for Russia to fully secure control of Ukraine's Donbas. He added that the war could go on for three years if Moscow decides to capture broader territories east of the Dnieper River. "The main goal of Russian troops remains to achieve at least some tactical success in eastern Ukraine," he said.

Prigozhin said that the Wagner Group mercenaries were continuing fierce battles for control of Bakhmut in the Donetsk region. The Wagner mercenary group on Thursday also said that it had ended its recruitment drive at prisons across Russia. "The recruitment of prisoners to the private mercenary group Wagner had stopped completely," Prigozhin said.

Reports emerged in mid-2022 that the Kremlin-linked businessman was recruiting inmates to fight, promising amnesty on their return to Russia if they survived. Prigozhin added in the statement that all "obligations" towards those working for the group were being fulfilled.

Meanwhile, on Friday, Russia launched the 14th round of massive strikes on Ukrainian energy facilities. Infrastructure facilities were hit resulting in power outages in some areas. Ukraine's energy company, Ukrenergo, said on Saturday that the situation was "difficult but controllable." *Agencies*

Dramatic rescue as Turkey-Syria earthquake toll reaches 25,000

Relief teams in Turkey pulled to safety a family of five who survived for 5 days

ANTAKYA

THE death toll in Turkey and Syria from the earthquake that struck five days ago has surpassed 25,000. Turkey's president on Saturday raised the death toll in his country to 21,848, while in Syria, the reported number of dead was 3,553 in government and rebel-held areas.

Some 80,104 people have been injured in Turkey alone, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said.

Rescue teams in Turkey on Saturday pulled to safety a family of five who survived inside their collapsed home for five days.

They first extricated mother and daughter Havva and Fatmagul Aslan from among a mound of debris in the hard-hit town of Nurdagi, in Gaziantep province, *Haber-Turk* reported. The teams later reached the father, Hasan Aslan, but he insisted that his other daughter, Zeynep, and son Saltik Bugra be saved first. Then, as the father was brought out, rescuers cheered and chanted "God is Great!"

Two hours later, a 3-year-old girl and her father were pulled from debris in the town of Islahiye, also in Gaziantep province, and an hour after that a 7-year-old girl was rescued in the province of Hatay, nearly 132 hours after the quake. The rescues bring to 12 the number of people rescued on Saturday, amid freezing temperatures.

Not everything ended so well, however. Rescuers reached a 13-year-old girl inside the debris of a collapsed building in Hatay province early on Saturday and intubated her. But she died before the medical teams could amputate a limb and free her from the rubble, *Hurriyet* newspaper reported.

Meanwhile, in the city of Kahramanmaras, where a stadium was turned into a makeshift camp, survivors walked among hundreds of tents, queued for hot meals.

In Antakya, an international charity helping Syrian refugees in Turkey has offered shelter to dozens in the grounds of an intact building on the city's edge.

The head of the World Health Organization Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus arrived in Syria's northern city of Aleppo on Saturday, bringing with him 35 tons of medical equipment. He said another plane carrying 30 tons of medical equipment will arrive in the coming days. *AP*

Rescue workers from Hong Kong search for survivors of the earthquake in Hatay, Turkey on Saturday | AP

Armenia border opened after 35 yrs for aid

ISTANBUL

A border crossing between Armenia and Turkey opened for the first time in 35 years on Saturday, to allow humanitarian aid through after a massive earthquake hit the region, an official said.

Five trucks with aid including food and water arrived in Turkey from the Alican border crossing, tweeted Serdar Kilic, Turkey's special envoy for dialogue with Armenia.

State news agency *Anadolu* said this was the first time the crossing had opened since 1988, when Turkey sent aid to Armenia after the country was hit by an earthquake that killed between 25,000 to 30,000.

Kilic in his tweet thanked Armenia and the Armenian national assembly's vice president Ruben Rubinyan. The aid also included medicine, he said. "Happy to have been able to assist," Rubinyan said on Twitter.

The two countries have never established formal diplomatic relations and their shared border has been closed since the 1990s.

Their relationship is strained by World War I-era mass killings of Armenians in the Ottoman Empire, atrocities Yerevan insists amount to a genocide.

But in December 2021, the two countries appointed special envoys to help normalise relations—a year after Armenia lost to Turkey's ally Azerbaijan in a war for control of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Turkey fiercely rejects the genocide label, arguing that 300,000 to 500,000 Armenians and at least as many Turks died in civil strife when Armenians rose up against their Ottoman rulers and sided with Russian troops.

The land border between the two nations has remained closed since 1993. *AFP*

Austria and Germany suspend operations

Vienna: The Austrian army and German rescue workers on Saturday suspended search operations in quake-ravaged Turkey due to a worsening security situation. A spokesman for the Austrian army said that there had been "clashes between groups," without giving details. A similar decision to halt rescue operations was taken in Germany by the Federal Agency for Technical Relief (TSW). "... The security situation in Hatay has apparently changed," said Germany's ISAR NGO spokesman Stefan Heine. "There are more and more reports of clashes between different factions, shots have also been fired."

Another 'balloon' shot down in US

WASHINGTON

A US military fighter jet shot down an unknown object flying off the remote northern coast of Alaska on Friday on orders from President Joe Biden, White House officials said.

White House National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said the object was downed because it was flying at about 13,000 metres and posed a "reasonable threat" to the safety of civilian flights. Asked about the object's downing, Biden on Friday said only that "It was a success."

Kirby described the object as roughly the size of a small car.

Kirby maintained that Biden, based on the advice of the Pentagon, believed it posed enough of a concern to shoot it out of the sky.

"We're going to remain vigilant about our airspace," Kirby said. "The president takes his obligations to protect our national security interests as paramount."

The president was briefed on the presence of the object Thursday evening after two fighter jets surveilled it.

Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder, Pentagon press secretary, said on Friday that an F-22 fighter aircraft based at Alaska's Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson shot down the object using an AIM-9X short-range air-to-air missile.

Later Friday, the Pentagon said, "Recovery is happening in a mix of ice and snow. Units located in Alaska under the direction of US Northern Command, along with the Alaska National Guard, are involved in the response." *AP*

Pak OKs new power tax to mollify IMF

ISLAMABAD

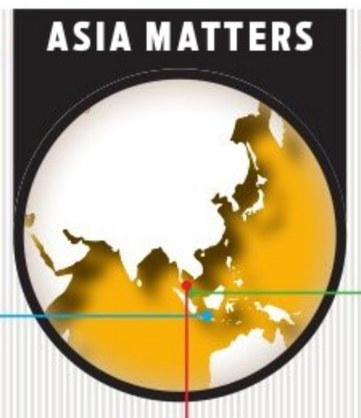
PAKISTAN is moving swiftly to pacify the IMF with the approval of a new tax on electricity users, including farmers, to raise an additional Rs 170 billion in revenue to meet the conditions of the global lender.

Finance Minister Ishaq Dar, said prior actions were needed as the two sides would resume the talks from Monday.

Hours later, he chaired a meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee of the cabinet, which approved the imposition of a special financing surcharge of Rs 3.39 per unit in average power tariff in addition to quarterly tariff adjustments of up to Rs 3.21 per unit for one year and recovery of pending fuel cost adjustments of up to Rs 4 per unit for about three months. It also approved dropping of power tariff subsidies to zero-rated industries as well as the Kissan package with effect from March 1.

While approving these measures that would further burden the masses, the ECC approved a technical supplementary grant of Rs 450 million in favour of the Ministry of Defence, showing that the country would continue to spend on defence even when the economy was in dire straits. *PTI*

ASIA MATTERS



INDONESIA

Interest-free loans for MSMEs to increase

Indonesia's Riau Islands Governor Ansar Ahmad has said that the amount of interest-free loans for the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) will be raised from $1,317 to $2,634. "We have talked about the plan with Riau Islands Sharia Bank...This year, it can be realised," he said on Saturday. He also said that the contract between the Riau Islands government and the bank on 0% interest credit will be in effect for two years. The collaboration will be extended by another two years if the programme benefits the enterprises. This programme will allow the MSMEs to boost their productivity. "There is so much derivative benefits of this programme after the MSMEs receive stimulus in the form of interest-free loans; hence, we increase the amount of loans," he said

MALAYSIA

PM motivates pupils to express views and criticism

Malaysian PM Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim on Saturday said that the students in the nation are free to express their views, including criticising the government. He said that this was to ensure that students acquired critical thinking skills. He also said educational institutions should depart from the outdated manner in which students are restricted from exercising their rights to be critical

SINGAPORE

Harbour pilot dies after falling in waters of Kusu

A 29-year-old harbour pilot from PSA Marine died on Saturday after falling into waters of Kusu Island. The pilot fell overboard while he was disembarking from a tugboat to board a launch boat off the Southern Islands, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA) informed, adding that he was wearing a life jacket at the time. MPA, the Police Coast Guard and the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) deployed patrol response to conduct the search and rescue operations. "MPA also activated divers to conduct an underwater search for the missing pilot and issued navigational safety broadcasts to the surrounding vessels to support the search efforts," the MPA added. It also said that probe is going on

US blacklists six Chinese entities over balloon programme

The United States on Friday blacklisted six Chinese entities it said were linked to Beijing's aerospace programmes as part of its retaliation over an alleged Chinese spy balloon that traversed US airspace

ESCALATING TENSIONS

The economic restrictions followed the Biden administration's pledge to consider broader efforts to address Chinese surveillance activities and will make it more difficult for the five firms and one research institute to obtain US items and technologies without government authorisation

The move is likely to further escalate the diplomatic row between the US and China sparked by the balloon

THE SIX ENTITIES

1. Beijing Nanjiang Aerospace Technology Co
2. China Electronics Technology Group Corporation 48th Research Institute
3. Dongguan Lingkong Remote Sensing Technology Co
4. Eagles Men Aviation Science and Technology Group Co
5. Guangzhou Tian-Hai-Xiang Aviation Technology Co
6. Shanxi Eagles Men Aviation Science and Technology Group Co

ATTACKED FOR SUPPORTING PLA

The US Bureau of Industry and Security said the six entities were being targeted for "their support to China's military modernisation efforts, specifically the People's Liberation Army's (PLA) aerospace programmes including airships and balloons"

"The PLA is utiliing High Altitude Balloons (HAB) for intelligence and reconnaissance activities," it said

Deputy Secretary of Commerce Don Graves said on Twitter his department "will not hesitate to continue to use" such restrictions and other regulatory and enforcement tools "to protect US national security and sovereignty"

Tehran marks 44th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution amid protests

DUBAI

IRAN on Saturday celebrated the 44th anniversary of the 1979 Islamic Revolution amid nationwide anti-government protests and heightened tensions with the West.

Thousands of Iranians marched through major streets and squares decorated with flags, balloons and placards with revolutionary and religious slogans. The military put on display its Emad and Sejjil missiles and its Shahed-136 and Mohajer drones.

Protesters began pouring into the streets in September after the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini, an Iranian-Kurdish woman detained by the country's morality police. Those demonstrations, initially focused on Iran's mandatory headscarf, or hijab, soon morphed into calls for a new revolution.

In a speech at Azadi Square in the capital Tehran, President Ebrahim Raisi referred to the protests as a project by Iran's enemies aimed at stopping the nation from continuing its achievements. Raisi called the celebration epic and a show of national integrity while praising post-revolution achievements in the country.

The remarks prompted the crowd to chant 'Death to the U.S.' *Telewebion*, a web TV service affiliated with Iranian state TV, was briefly hacked during Raisi's speech, Iranian media reported. *AP*

Iranian demonstrators carry posters of Khamenei in Tehran, Iran on Saturday | AP

HIC-HIC HOORAY

India now UK's largest Scotch whisky market

LONDON

INDIA has overtaken France to become the UK's largest market of Scotch whisky in terms of volume with a 60% hike in imports in 2022 over the previous year, according to the latest figures released by Scotland's leading industry body.

The Scotch Whisky Association (SWA) revealed that India imported 219 million 70cl bottles of Scotch compared to France's 205 million last year, representing growth of the Indian Scotch market of more than 200% in the past decade.

As one of the key sectors of focus for the UK in the free trade agreement (FTA) talks with India, now in their seventh round of negotiations, SWA pointed out that the hike in volume still makes up only a fraction of the Indian whisky market due to high tariffs.

"Despite double-digit growth, Scotch whisky still only comprises 2% of the Indian whisky market," the association said.

"SWA analysis shows that a UK-India FTA deal which eases the 150% tariff burden on Scotch whisky in India could boost market access for Scotland's whisky companies, allowing for an additional GBP 1 billion of growth over the next five years," it noted.

The value of the Indian market for Scotch exports comes in at fifth worth GBP 282 million, up 93% in 2021 and behind France, Singapore and Taiwan. The 2022 trend also saw the Asia-Pacific region overtake the EU as the industry's largest regional market, with double-digit post-pandemic growth also seen in Taiwan, Singapore and China besides India. *PTI*

₹2.85 cr consolidated net loss reported by direct-to-home firm DishTV India in Q3FY23, mainly due to fall in revenue and promotion of its OTT platform

Angel tax déjà vu for start-ups

Promoters foresee overseas fundings drying up after recent amendment in tax rules

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

THE Indian start-up ecosystem, which has been reeling under a funding winter, might face a harsh and bitter winter with the imposition of angel tax on foreign investors. The amendment in the Finance Bill, 2023, means there is no exemption for overseas investors and they need to pay a tax on deals.

From now on, start-ups will find it difficult to receive funding from overseas investors and this might also drive them out of the country due to investors' pressure, say experts. Angel tax was first introduced in 2012, mainly to curb money laundering. When start-ups receive investments from investors in India for issue of shares in excess of the fair market value (FMV) of the shares, angel tax is levied on them.

With the new amendment, if start-ups raise funding from non-resident investors, it will be considered as income and taxable.

"It looks like the government wants investors to come through only a formal AIF (Alternative Investment Fund). But there are structural challenges in having formal AIF structures at a very early stage in deep tech space where the risk is too high. But in the current situation, the early-stage ecosystem depends on angels writing smaller cheques and the same is hurt by the current move of the government," said Suresh Narasimha, Managing Partner, CoCreate Ventures.

Foreign investors such as SoftBank, Tiger Global and Sequoia Capital, among others, have invested in many Indian start-ups. According to data sourced from Tracxn, a research platform, in 2022, start-ups raised $25.4 billion in 1,482 rounds, where foreign investors have invested in Indian start-ups in equity rounds.

There is no data on the total funding from non-resident investors alone in Indian start-ups, as multiple investors including resident investors participate in funding rounds. Investment firm Tiger Global backs many Indian unicorns including Games 24x7, Mensa Brands, Vedantu, BharatPe, PhonePe and Unacademy, among others.

The recent announcement is expected to negatively impact funding for start-ups, said Vinod Shankar, co-founder & Partner, Java Capital. "Definition of start-up, according to DPIIT (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade), is narrow and it does make it a challenge for funding series A + stages.

DPIIT provisions have a limit of ₹25 crore for the aggregate amount of paid-up share capital and share premium for private companies to be recognised as a start-up and also several other restrictions to qualify or remain recognised as a start-up. This may lead to large tax disputes in the future," he said.

More importantly, in the current funding environment it makes it even harder for start-ups to raise further funding from foreign investors with a sword hanging in the air in the form of Angel tax. After the scope being extended to them it is undoubtedly going to be tough for Indian start-ups to receive funding, he added.

According to PwC India's 'Startup Deals Tracker- CY22', in 2022, Indian start-ups could not keep up the momentum of 2021, as there was a 33% drop in the total funds raised - $24 billion in CY2022 - compared to the previous year.

The government has taken an assertive approach in directing investments, which may have become more aggressive, said Anil Jayaprakash, founder and CEO, Assertify Technologies.

"Angel tax has been expanded to include non-resident investors, which could result in increased government oversight of foreign investments. Start-ups that raise capital beyond their fair market value will be at a disadvantage, as they will have to pay extra tax on the surplus amount they received from both domestic and non-domestic investors," he added. Some start-ups such as Zappyhire say that during the funding winter, the government should introduce right policies to make easy access to the capital other than making a bit difficult for the investors.

"At least start-ups that raise money for the first five years should be exempted as they take time to break-even and start looking for a profit," says Puneeth Raj, co-founder and CEO, Seminarroom, an edtech start-up.

Many start-up founders said that the government should reconsider the whole angel tax provision system. They say the government should be flexible in such tax regimes for those who are taking baby steps in the start-up world.

Vinod Shankar of Java Capital added that this may also incentivise start-ups to locate overseas to avoid paying the tax. India registered domestic AIF's are exempted from this, but a significant portion of growth and late-stage capital is foreign in nature. "Reading between the lines is the government pushing for onshoring of foreign funds for India investments," he questioned.

The Economic Survey spoke about Reverse Flipping, shifting of start-ups domicile back to India. To accelerate reverse flipping, it suggests measures such as simplification of taxation of Employee Stock Options (ESOPs) and simplifying procedures for capital flows.

It also mentioned start-ups' funding challenges and observed that many Indian companies have been getting headquartered overseas, especially in destinations with favourable legal environments and taxation policies. But the proposed amendment in angel tax has upset many start-ups.

Though a majority of start-ups and venture firms are against this angel tax proposal, a few start-ups have also welcomed the move. According to Tejas Khoday, co-founder and CEO of FYERS, this (introducing angel tax for foreign investments in start-ups) is an excellent move as it creates a level-playing field with domestic investors.

"Preferential treatment of foreign investors gave an unfair advantage, which resulted in foreigners gaining significant ownership of Indian start-ups catering to Indian people within India. At the same time, Indian investors couldn't benefit from wealth-creation opportunities because of the tax hurdle," he added.

TAX TURBULENCE

- Angel tax was introduced in 2012 to tackle black money
- Finance Bill 2023 has proposed to amend Section **56(2)** VII B of the Income Tax Act
- As per proposed amendment to I-T Act, the excess of FMV of shares paid by non-resident investors to Indian firms will be taxable as other sources of income
- Currently, angel tax is levied at **30.9%** on net investments in excess of FMV
- Private equity and venture capital fund investments fell by nearly a third to **$54.2** billion in 2022, says EY report
- PwC India's 'Startup Deals Tracker- CY22', says in 2022 there was a **33%** drop in the total funds raised

ECONOMIC WAR

A YEAR ON, SANCTIONS AGAINST RUSSIA SPUTTER

ANOTHER few days and it will be one year since Russia invaded Ukraine. Reams will be written on the shifting military positions in Ukraine's Luhansk and Kharkiv theatres . On another front, it is also time to look at the year-old economic war – the unfolding of a raft of sanctions on recalcitrant Russia designed to bring Vladimir Putin to his knees.

In the latest expansion of sanctions, the price cap on Russian crude has been extended to refined products as well. Kicking in last Sunday, the US and its allies have capped the sales of premium petroleum products such as diesel at $100 a barrel, and low-value fuels at $45 a barrel. The aim is to deny much-needed oil revenue to Russia to conduct its war, while keeping oil products on the global markets at reasonable prices.

Are the sanctions working? Like Putin thought he would hold a victory parade in Kyiv in 2 weeks after his tanks crossed into Ukraine last February, the West too thought the Russian economy would collapse after it enforced wide-ranging sanctions.

Neither happened. In fact, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has forecast the Russia's economy is set to expand by 0.3% in 2023, even as the United Kingdom sees its GDP shrink.Part of the reason Russia has survived the onslaught is because the G-7 group while aiming to hurt Russia financially, is also looking over its shoulders to protect its own backside. It has thus deliberately left too many escape hatches unguarded.

NEWSCOPE
GURBIR SINGH

Kremlin prepared early

A 'non-partisan' note prepared in mid-December, last year by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) for members of the US Congress frankly admitted: "The sanctions have created challenges for Russia but to date, have not delivered the economic 'knock out' that many predicted.....the Russian economy has weathered the sanctions better than many expected."

The sanctions imposed include barring Russia from making debt payments using foreign currency held in US banks. Major Russian banks have been removed from the international financial communication system, Swift. Russian oil, which accounts for 40% of the country's exports, has been banned from sea borne delivery. Over a 1,000 Russian oligarchs have had their overseas assets like luxury yachts confiscated.

These measures have had an impact, but for most Russians the disruption has not been huge. The kremlin saw it coming and kept its currency strong by insisting on all payments in rubles. Even though Russian crude is selling at a discount, it has cashed in on the perceived shortage, and increased supplies to alternative buyers such as China, India and the African nations. Despite the sanctions, research firm Argus Media estimates revenue from crude sales were up 41% over the last year.

Russia has also been experimenting with developing an alternative financial systems to beat the hegemony of the dollar-led financial system with the ruble-based payment system called the System for Transfer of Financial Messages (SPFS), first set up in 2014.

Ally China has joined in with its Cross-Border Interbank Payment System (CIPS) — which processes payments in Chinese yuan, and claims an expansive network of 1,280 financial entities.

The Russians have also successfully developed other financial and investment hubs like Dubai after being denied access to their old haunts London, Paris and Monte Carlo. Tens of thousands of moneyed Russians have been welcomed to the UAE despite objections of the West. In a recent move that seems to breach the sanctions, the UAE has approved a license for Russia's MTS Bank to cater to the large Russian émigré population.

Contrarian data

The US and its allies are also not averse to Russian oil products flowing to brace up their own stocks and keep prices in check, as long as there are no windfall gains for the 'enemy'. Countries like India are importing discounted Russian crude, and then re-exporting refined oil to western ports.

On the other hand, there is contrarian data that says sanctions are in fact working. Vladimir Milov in the 23 January issue of 'Foreign Affairs' argues that much of the macroeconomic data released by the Kremlin is suspect.

A deeper look shows revenue from sources other than oil and gas exports was down by 20% in October 2022 from a year earlier.

Moreover, manufacturing industries, most dependent on Western technologies and component parts, were hit the hardest by sanctions. The output of the Russian automotive industry, which provides jobs to 3.5 million people, plummeted by two-thirds in 2022. Russia's ability to rearm and replenish its war machine, like tanks and precision artillery, has also been considerably degraded. The oil sanctions are finally biting too. For instance, in January Russia's tax earnings from oil and gas was only 425 million rubles, around half compared to the same month, last year.

On the ground, there is little sign of the Russian war machine tiring. As the Ukraine tragedy plays out without a solution in sight, the only positive spin-off is the possible emergence of an alternative trading and financial block not aligned to the US and its allies. For India, there has been a huge saving. Other developing countries are benefiting too. Hopefully these will consolidate into competitive post-war options.

SOUMYADIP SINHA

City Union Bank net profit increases 10.7% to ₹217.83 cr in third quarter

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

PRIVATE sector City Union Bank has reported 10% increase in net profit at ₹217.83 crore for the October-December 2022 quarter, the Tamil Nadu-based bank said on Saturday.

The Tamil Nadu-based bank's net profit was at ₹196.11 crore in the corresponding period of last year.

For the nine month period ending December 31, 2022, the net profit of the bank surged to ₹719.43 crore from ₹551.20 crore registered in same period of previous year. Total income during the quarter under review surged to ₹1,429.97 crore from ₹1,195.24 crore registered in same period of previous year. Total income for the nine month period ending December 31, 2022, went up to ₹4,101.60 crore from ₹3,610.98 crore registered year ago, the bank said. Operating expense is Rs.283 cr for Q3 FY23 as against Rs.280 crs in Q3 FY 22. For 9M FY 23, the operating expenses was at ₹863 crore as against ₹816 cr for the corresponding period last year. Gross profit had increased by 35% in Q3FY23, and was at ₹497 crore as against ₹370 crore in Q3FY22. For 9M FY23 it had grown by 21% and stood at ₹1,401 crore as against ₹1,155 crore for the same period as compared to the last year.

The bank made a provision of ₹682 cr as of 31.12.2022. The total provision towards bad and doubtful debts is ₹515 cr in 9M FY 23 as against ₹439 cr in the corresponding period last year.

EXPRESS READ

BPCL to invest ₹600 cr for EV charging facility

NEW DELHI: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) targets to have 7,000 energy stations with EV charging facilities by 2024. It will invest ₹600 crore to set up EV infra across India. "We are investing ₹150-₹200 crore by this fiscal," said Subhankar Sen, head retail Initiatives and Brand, BPCL. *ENS*

Sebi looks to enhance role of MF trustees

NEW DELHI: Amid growing scale of mutual fund industry, capital markets regulator Sebi has proposed to raise role and accountability of trustees to safeguard unitholders' interest. In addition, it has suggested to enhance accountability of board of asset management company (AMC). *PTI*

New tax regime to benefit middle class: Sitharaman

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE new tax regime will benefit the middle class as it will leave more money in their hands, said Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday.

Talking to reporters after the customary post-Budget address to the Central Board of RBI, she said it is not necessary to induce individuals to invest through government schemes but give him an opportunity to make a personal decision regarding investments.

"I don't think it is necessary for the government to even induce any such measures. A person who earns his money and who runs his household is wise enough to know where he has to put his money...So I've not discouraged him from doing it nor am I incentivizing them to do anything in particular. It's for him to take a call," she said.

Under the revamped concessional tax regime, which will be effective from the next fiscal, no tax would be levied on income up to ₹3 lakh. Income between Rs 3-6 lakh would be taxed at 5%; Rs 6-9 lakh at 10%, ₹9-12 lakh at 15%, ₹12-15 lakh at 20% and income of ₹15 lakh and above will be taxed at 30%. However, no tax would be levied on annual income of up to ₹7 lakh.

Answering a question on the Adani Group crisis, the Minister said, "Indian regulators are very, very experienced and they are experts in their domain. The regulators are seized of the matter and they are on their toes as always not just now."

On regulating cypto assets, she said India is in discussion with G20 nations for designing a common framework.

Responding to a query on price rise, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said retail inflation is expected to be around 5.3% in 2023-24 and may fall further if crude prices remain benign.

He said RBI has assumed $95 per barrel rate of crude for inflation projection for the next fiscal.

On pricing of loans, the governor said market competition will decide rates on lending and deposit sides as it has been a deregulated segment.

SHARE PLEDGE

3 Adani firms pledge shares for benefit of lenders of AEL

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

THREE Adani Group firms have pledged shares for the benefit of the lenders in the conglomerate's flagship firm Adani Enterprises (AEL), said SBICAP Trustee. The three companies are Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ), Adani Transmission and Adani Green Energy.

According to regulatory filings, APSEZ has pledged additional 75,00,000 shares, or 0.35% stake. This takes SBICAP Trustee's total holding to about 1%. Adani Transmission has pledged additional 13,00,000 shares, or 0.11 % of the equity. This takes SBICAP Trustee's total holding to 0.55%. Adani Green, on the other hand, has pledged additional 60,00,000 shares or 0.38% taking the Trustee's total holding to 1.06% up from 0.68%. SBICAP Trustee said it had received pledges in its capacity as 'security trustee' of the lenders of AEL. As the conglomerate is facing crisis following a report by US-based short-seller Hindenburg Research, the Group promoted by Gautam Adani is taking all the steps to secure investors' and lenders' confidence.

CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurates NBCC built Madhya Pradesh bhawan

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated NBCC built Madhya Pradesh Bhawan in Delhi on 02.02.2023. The event was also attended by Hon'ble Union Ministers S/Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia, Minister of Civil Aviation and Steel; Dr. Virendra Kumar, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment; Faggan Singh Kulaste, Minister of Rural Development; Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister of Jal Shakti. Hon'ble MPs, MLAs from the State and senior officers of M.P. Government and NBCC were also present.

Business & Beyond

PPL conferred on Greentech Foundation Safety Award

Greentech Foundation committed to recognize and celebrate ethos of outstanding performance in Environment, Health and Safety issues. Every Year it appreciates the effort and ability of different industries that are practicing Best ESH Practices. Paradeep Phosphates Limited once again recognized for its overall effort in maintaining Best Industrial Safety Practices.

PPA breaks record of single-day rakes handling

Team PPA bettered its record of highest number of single-day rakes handling as it clocked rake unloading of 52 nos. in a single day on February 1, 2023. Previous best was 51 achieved on January 21, 2023. In another development, vessel MV ERATO with highest ever import parcel load of 1,48,521 MT of coal at 16.0m draft today berthed at KICTPPL Terminal.

BoB launches Baroda Achievers Award

Sambalpur: Bank of Baroda is one of the leading institutions in the Indian Banking industry. It was started in 1908 by Maharaja Sayajirao Gaekwad III at Mandvi place in Baroda. Since its inception, Bank of Baroda has been operating extensively on indigenous front but also has more than 100 branches in the abroad as well.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE No. BE-29-2022-23-OT-34,35

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites Tenders for the following works:

OT No	Description of work	Approx. Value
34	Provision of stand by transformers at Krishnarajapurm, Mandya & Tumakuru stations	Rs. 30,89,378/-
35	Electrical arrangements for Provision of emergency crossover at Jolarpettai end at Kuppam Station, Proposed Second entry at Bangarapet with new Foot Over Bridge and platform shelters and Proposed additional loop line at Varadapura station (Electrical Arrangements)	Rs. 69,84,810/-

Last date for submission of bids : **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 28-02-2023**

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Tender No: KIIDC/Tender/464/2022-23

KIIDC invites offers through e-Tender system for "Supply Installation testing and commissioning of Ultra Filtration Water treatment System having capacity of 7500LPH confirming BIS standard IS14543 2016 for Hilly Aqua Packaged Drinking Water plant at Aruvikkara in Thiruvananthapuram district". Tender ID: 2023_KIIDC_557566_1. Details available in: etenders.kerala.gov.in kiidc.kerala.gov.in.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The general publics are hereby notified that my client Sri. Munikrishnappa, has proposed to purchase the schedule property from its owners Shri. H.V. Nagaraj, Munireddy.V, Puneetha.T.N. and is negotiating terms. Therefore, any person/s, financial institutions, Banks, or otherwise claiming / asserting any rights of whatsoever nature and/or opposing sale of schedule property to my client shall lodge their objections supported by authenticated documents to the undersigned within **7 DAYS** from the date of publication of this Notice for scrutiny. Objections received after above period will not be considered, and my client will proceed with completion of the sale thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy.No.97 measuring 3 acres 8 guntas of Bukkasagara Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded on the **East by :** Premkumar's property, **West by :** Remaining land bearing Sy.No 97, **North by :** land bearing Sy.No.96, **South by :** Remaining land bearing Sy.No 97.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that one of our clients intends to **purchase property measuring about 1200 sq. ft. bearing new municipal No.2-1, PID No.95-78-2-1, 4th Cross, Adarsha Nagar, Old B.B.M.P Ward No.95, New B.B.M.P No. 32 Kavalbysandra, (formerly Site No.2, Assessment No. 40/3, Situated at Nagawara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore),** along with four storied structure standing thereon, from **Mr. MOHAMMED MUNEERULLA, Aged 38 Years, S/o Mohammed Shafiqulla, Residing at No.15/1, 1st Cross, Rankanagar, Kavalbyrasandra, R.T Nagar Post, Bangalore- 560032.**

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Corrigendum-I Tender Notice No. 02/SBC/23 of 30-01-2023 Item 6

In above mentioned Tender Notice one NBSR item deleted and Approximate value has been revised from Rs. 4,68,86,933.61 to **Rs. 4,27,82,133.61** which my be noted.

All other conditions remain same.

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I (Ahamed Burhan) intend to purchase the Schedule Property from its present owners **Mr. Rizwanulla Khan,** Residing at No 8/2 Benson Town Bangalore 560046 Who acquired Sale Deed dated 23-08-2007 vide Document No. KCH-1-01461-2007-08 stored in CD No.KCHD4, I havs been represented that he is the absolute owner of the property I hereby call any title or interest to submit their objections within a period of 07 days from the date of the notice failing which I will proceed the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

Site No. 250,SY No. 84/2, and Prop. ID No. 1256 at: Hennur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, formed by Telecom Employees Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd,. measuring East to West: 41+40.5/2 ft. North to South: 48+43/2 ft, totally 1854 sq. ft. and bounded on the East by: Site No.219, West by: 30ft road, North by: 40ft Road, South by : Site No 249

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client, **Mr. VIJAY STEPHEN.P,** S/o. K.Puttaswamy, Aged about 40 years, R/at. No.427, 3rd Cross, 2nd Block, 5th Main Road, Near K.S. Narasimhaswamy Park, Banashankari 3rd Stage, 3rd Phase, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560085, had intend to purchase the **property bearing Vacant Site No.273, BBMP Katha Sl.No. 273, Property bearing Sy.No. 75, 76, 89 & 90, measuring East to West: 12.19 meters and North to South: 9.14 meters, totally measuring 111.41 square meters situated at Uttarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Now Happy Valley Layout, Banashankari 5th Stage, Uttarahalli Ward No.184, Bangalore, now comes under the limits of BBMP** and bounded on EAST BY : Site No.244, WEST BY : Road, NORTH BY: Site No.274, SOUTH BY : Site No.272, from **Mrs.DEEPA.C,** D/o. Chikka Durge Gowda, Aged about 39 years, R/at. No.58/2, 49, 10th Main Road, 1st Phase, J.P.Nagar, Shanikambrinagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560078, if anybody have any claim, title, right over this property, they shall file their objections with documents, before the undersigned within 10 days from this notice. Failing which my client will proceeds further.

ASHOKA .R, Advocate
No.4/2, 2nd Floor, Shamshuddin Block,
HHS & HMS Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road,
Cubbonpet, Bangalore-560002.
Ph. 9535495356

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NEELAMANGLA BRANCH
Paramanna Building No 5585/07,5585/08,5585/09, Hoyasala Degree College, Paramanna Layout, Bangalore Rural, Karnataka-562123.

CORRIGENDUM E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

This is with reference to the E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE published in this newspaper on **11.02.2023** for the A/c. **Mr.Chandrashekar S V,** for the Sale of properties through e-auction.

In this Notice the **Reserve Price of Rs.45,49,000/-** and the **EMD amount of Rs.4,54,900/-** of **Property No.7** in name of **Mr.Chandrashekar S V** was published erroneously. So, please read the REVISED corrections below:

a) Reserve Price: Rs.43,21,000/-	b) EMD Amount: Rs.4,32,100/-

All the other details, terms and conditions remain same as published in Newspaper on **11.02.2023 in The Indian Express and Kannada Prabha.**

Date: 11.02.2023,
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
UCO Bank

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(GATI SHAKTI / MADURAI)
E-TENDER

TENDER NOTICE No GS-MDU-11-2023 dated 10.02.2023
TENDER NOTICE No GS-MDU-12-2023 dated 10.02.2023
TENDER NOTICE No GS-MDU-13-2023 dated 10.02.2023

For and on behalf of The President of India, the Dy. Chief Engineer, Gati Shakti, Southern Railway, Madurai-625 016 invites e-tender for the work as per Notice inviting Tender(NIT) in our portal **www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderers/Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and **only online tenders will be accepted.**

Notice No	NAME OF WORK
GS-MDU 11-2023 dated 10.02.2023	Providing architectural and Technical Consultancy for feasibility study, preparing Concept Plans, Master Plan, Urban/architectural designing, relevant structural designs, drawings, Technical Feasibility Report, Estimate and Tender Schedules for upgradation and Preparation of Technical Feasibility Report (TFR) for major upgradation of RAMANATHAPURAM Station of Madurai Division under AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME.
GS-MDU 12-2023 dated 10.02.2023	Providing architectural and Technical Consultancy for feasibility study, preparing Concept Plans, Master Plan, Urban/architectural designing, relevant structural designs, drawings, Technical Feasibility Report, Estimate and Tender Schedules for upgradation and Preparation of Technical Feasibility Report (TFR) for major upgradation of VIRUDHUNAGAR Stations of Madurai Division under AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME.
GS-MDU 13-2023 dated 10.02.2023	Providing architectural and Technical Consultancy for feasibility study, preparing Concept Plans, Master Plan, Urban/architectural designing, relevant structural designs, drawings, Technical Feasibility Report, Estimate and Tender Schedules for upgradation and Preparation of Technical Feasibility Report (TFR) for major upgradation of KOVILPATTI Stations of Madurai Division under AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME.

Notice No.	Approximate cash value in Rupees	Period of completion in Month(s)	Closing Date @
GS-MDU-11-2023 dated 10.02.2023	1380215.00	Twelve	25.02.2023/11.00Hrs
GS-MDU-12-2023 dated 10.02.2023	1858540.00	Twelve	25.02.2023/11.00Hrs
GS-MDU-13-2023 dated 10.02.2023	1403288.00	Twelve	25.02.2023/11.00Hrs

For further details, refer to web site portal **www.ireps.gov.in** or contact Office of Deputy Chief Engineer /Gati Shakti, Madurai-625 016.

Deputy Chief Engineer, Gati Shakti, Madurai.

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

PANCHAYATH RAJ ENGINEERING DIVISION, RAICHUR

No.EE/PRED/RCR/TS/E-Tender/2022-23/25/27 **Date:10.02.2023**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement)

On Turn-key basis Tenders are invited through e-procurement for the following works by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.Division, Raichur on the behalf of Governor of Karnataka, from the contractors registered in PRED as per the schedule given below:

1. Issue of Blank Tender Documents from : 13.02.2023
2. Receipt of completed tender documents : 20.02.2023 up to 4.30 P.M
3. Technical Bid opening on : 21.02.2023 at 5.00 P.M (If possible)
4. Financial Bid opening on : 24.02.2023 at 11.00 A.M (If possible)

Further details can be obtained by logging on the http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Indent Nos:
Raichur Taluka:3808, 3809] Sirwar Taluka: 3810] Lingasugur Taluka: 3811] Sindhanur Taluka: 3812] Maski Taluka: 3813]

Sd/-
(Venkatesh Galag)
Executive Engineer,
P.R.E.Division, Raichur

Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath

Kumara Krupa Road, Bangalore 560001

CKP/34/2022-23 **EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION** **Date : 12-02-2023**

GUEST FACULTY FOR SHORT TERM COURSES

Course Name	No. Of Posts
Mysore Traditional Painting Course-Basic	04
Mysore Traditional Painting Course- Advanced	04
Short Term Painting Course- Basic	04
Short Tem Painting Course-Advanced	04
Short Term Week end Painting Course- Basic	04
Short Term week end Painting Course- Advanced	04
Week end Hobby art Classes for Children	04

Applications are invited for the post of Guest faculty, for teaching 6 months Short term course in Mysore Traditional Painting, Painting, Sculpture & Print Making Streams, at

1) Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Kumara Krupa Road, Bangalore-560001
2) The College of Fine Arts, Dr. Vishnuvardhan Road, Srinivaspura, Bangalore-560060.

Interested candidates should submit their application indicating their location preference along with a Photo, detailed resume, Images of their art Works and self-attested marks cards/Certificates/ work experience letter to The Secretary, Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Kumara Krupa Road, Bangalore-560001 by post/in person / by - mail to office@chitrakalaparishth.org within 5 days from this advertisement date.

Sd/- General Secretary

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED

CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited Project Area 1) Request for proposal RFP for Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram

Sl. No.	Name of Project	E Tender ID	PAC Amount (Exclusive of GST)	Bid Submission Last Date
Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power line in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram				
1	Rods ID 101 (Kochar Road)	2023_SCTLT_552275_1	Rs. 63,70,535/-	14.02.2023 03.00 PM
2	Road ID 45(Pumping Station Road)	2023_SCTLT_554531_1	Rs. 4,97,44,352/-	14.02.2023 03.00 PM

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website https://etenders.kerala.gov.in,

(Sd/-), CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF E-AUCTION SALE (for immovable properties)

(In terms of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest SARFAESI Act 2002)

Whereas the Authorised Officer of the Bank has issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and there after in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI Act 2002 has taken possession of properties mortgaged to Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorised Officer has decided for sale of the following properties to public by **E-auction** and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of the immovable properties mentioned hereunder on **"AS IS WHERE IS & AS IS WHAT IS"** basis.

Sl No	Name of the Borrower's / Guarantor.	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Date of Possession c) Present outstanding dues	a) Date & Time for inspection of property b) bid submission last date c) Date & Time of E-Auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid Increase Amount
1	**Hemalatha M Singh and Manjunath Singh,** Flat No. 2122, Sobha Forest View Apartment, 12th Floor,Hosahalli, off Kanakpura Main Road, Bangalore-560062	a) **31-01-2018** b) **12-02-2020** c) **Rs.69,12,504.74/-** + interest from 01-12-2017	a) **27.02.2023** b) **27.02.2023 before 12 noon** c) **28.02.2023 between 01.00 PM to 05.00 PM**	a) **Rs.62,01,000/-** b) **Rs.6,20,100/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**

Description of the Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of residential site bearing No.27 released by BMRDA vide their letter dated 24.03.2006 in the residential layout called as "APNA AANGAN" Layout which is approved by BMRDA vide their letter dated :19.08.2011 bearing No. BMRDA/LAO/10/2005-06 and bearing Khaneshmari No.242/75/123456/27 formed out of erstwhile Survey No.75/4 of Rajapura Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District duly converted for non-agricultural residential uses and purpose vide Conversion Order Bearing No.ALN.SR.(A) 368/04-05,dt 10.12.2004 and dt 11.01.2005, issued by the Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore Sub Division(South), measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1500Sqft and **bounded on:** East By: 30 feet Road, West By: Site No.30, North By: Site No. 28, South By: Site No.26

2	**Mr.Mohammed Ayub Hussain and Mrs.Shaheen Taj,** No.291, 8th cross, 3rd stage, Pillana Garden Layout, Bangalore.	a) **01-03-2019** b) **25-05-2022** c) **Rs.1,56,05,454.07/-** + interest from 28-02-2019	a) **27.02.2023** b) **27.02.2023 before 12 noon** c) **28.02.2023 between 01.00 PM to 05.00 PM**	a) **Rs.1,33,89,924/-** b) **Rs.13,38,992.4/-** c) **Rs.25,000/-**

Description of the Immovable Property : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat No.GC on Ground floor measuring about 1299 Sqfts with undivided share of 325 Sqft with one car parking space carved out from property bearing BBMP Khata No.110/1, KTR/C/HM/CHKR/299/20/12-13 measuring about 8 guntas, Converted into residential purposes vide conversion order bearing No.ALNSR.92/12-13 dated 11/02/2013 situated at Marappa Layout, Moshamapalya Chalkere Cross Road, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore which comes within the jurisdictional of BBMP limits "VASTAV SNEHA ENCLAVE" and **bound on:** East by: Remaining balconies, West by: Flat No.GB, North by: Garden Area & South by: Corridor

AND

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat No.GD on Ground floor measuring about 1625 Sqfts with undivided share of 406 Sqft with one car parking space carved out from property bearing BBMP Khata No.110/1, KTR/C/HM/CHKR/299/20/12-13 measuring about 8 guntas, Converted into residential purposes vide conversion order bearing No.ALNSR.92/12-13 dated 11/02/2013 situated at Marappa Layout, Moshamapalya Chalkere Cross Road, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore which comes within the jurisdictional of BBMP limits "VASTAV SNEHA ENCLAVE" and **bound on:** East by: Remaining Passage Area, West by: Flat No.GE, North by: Corridor & South by: Remaining Passage Area

2. Present Occupied by: Vacant and locked.

A/C No. 01510210000656, IFSC Code : UCBA0000151 Email: bancan@ucobank.co.in
UCO Bank, Contonment Branch: #83, MG Road, Bangalore-560001, Abhishek Kumar Mobile No.7018774871

Details of known encumbrances: Not Known

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1) Sale shall be subjected to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. Detailed terms and Conditions of the sale is available/ Published inthe following websites/ Web Portal: **i) https://ibapi.in, ii) https://mstcecommerce.com/**
2) The Properties are being sold on **"As is Where is Basis" and "As is What is Basis" and" Whatever There is Basis"**
3) The Particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officers, but the Authorized Officer shall not beanswerable for any error, misstatement or Omission in this proclamation.
4) The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website. **https://mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp on date 28.02.2023 between 1.00 pm to 5:00 pm.**
5) It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self-bid and participate in the auction.
6) The final decision is vested with Authorised Officer.

Date: 10.02.2023, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, UCO Bank**

Canara Bank

Kodigehalli Branch,
Old Panchayat Building,
Kodigehalli, Doddaballapur
Bangalore Rural - 561 203 Mob:9445683072
E-mail : cb4434@canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **11.11.2022** calling upon the borrower **Mr. Kempegowda and Mr. Venkataramaiah (Deceased)** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.62,45,480.03** (Rupees Sixty Two Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty and Paise Three Only), within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **7th day of February 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for an amount of **Rs.62,45,480.03** (Rupees Sixty Two Lakhs Forty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty and Paise Three Only) as on 02.11.2022 plus interest and other expenses thereon.

Description of Immovable Property

EMT of Land Building measuring 1200 sq.ft. site with 1536 sq.ft. residential building at site No. 40, Municipal Khata No. 394/4, 66/40 at Kodigehalli Village & Post, Kasaba Hobli Doddaballapura Taluk in the name of Sri V Kempe Gowda. Boundaries : North : 20 feet Road, South : Site No. 33, East by : 25 feet Road, West : Site No. 39.

Date: 07.02.2023
Place : Kodigehalli

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
CANARA BANK

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

Directorate of Municipal Administration, Chennai-28. Tel: 044-29864447

Roc.No.26467/2021/AMRUT NOTICE FOR INVITING TENDER (NIT) Date: 10.02.2023

1. Tenders are invited from the eligible bidders for **38 No of Rejuvenation of Water Bodies work, 48 No of Green Space/Park Development works and 1 No of Water Supply Improvement work** in Tamilnadu under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation 2.0 **(AMRUT 2.0).**
2. The Minimum value of a single work is Rs.0.04 Cr and the Maximum value of a single work is **Rs. 36.60 Cr.**
3. The details of the tender shall be obtained from web portal: **www.tntenders.gov.in**
4. The tender document shall be downloaded from **14.02.2023** from the portal www.tn.tenders.gov.in
5. The last date for downloading the tender document and the last date for uploading / submission of filled up tender document is up to **3.00 pm** on **03.03.2023.**
6. The received tenders will be opened at **3.30 pm** on **03.03.2023** at the office of concerned Municipalities.
7. Pre-Bid meeting will be 11.00 AM on **24.02.2023** at Concerned Municipal office.
8. The value of each works and the details of earnest money deposit and the eligibility of the bidder are given in the concerned work tender document.

Director of Municipal Administration, Chennai-28

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TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD

INVITATION OF BIDS–TWO COVER–ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM
(E-Submission) Short Term - IFB No:09(III call) & 13(II call)

IFB No.	09 & 13/ F.CWSS to 867 habs/JJM /SDO I/ CW /Dt. 10.02.2023
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Madurai – 625 007
Downloading Period	**14.02.2023** to **02.03.2023** upto **15.00** hours
EMD Payable	1.Online Mode through E-Tendering website **www.tntenders.gov.in** **(OR)** 2. Offline Mode Payable at Executive Engineers, TWAD Board (09) Maintenance Division, Madurai (13) RWS Division, Madurai
Pre Bid meeting	**20.02.2023** at **11.00** hours at the office of the Tender Invitee
Bid Submission	**02.03.2023** before **15.00** hours. Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering website **www.tntenders.gov.in**
Bid opening	**03.03.2023** at **15.30** hours at the office of Tender Invitee through E-Tender Portal

IFB No.	Name of work	Appx. Bid value (including 18% GST)	Bid Security
09	Jal Jeevan Mission – Providing CWSIS to 236 rural habitations in T.Kallupatti and Sedapatti unions in Andipatti Sedapatti CWSS of Madurai District by delinking the existing beneficiary of Kallikudi, Chellampatti and Thirumangalam unions.	**Rs.155.00 crore**	**Rs.77.50 lakhs**
13	Jal Jeevan Mission – Providing CWSS to 867 rural habitations in Alanganallur, Chellampatti, Kallikudi, Thirumangalam, Thirupparankundram, Usilampatti and Vadipatti unions of Madurai District and SIPCOT Industries in Nilakottai with river Vaigai as source **(Package I)**	**Rs.445.00 crore**	**Rs.223.00 lakhs**

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Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Madurai

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

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15/1, Bangalore Back Office, Hayes Centre, Hayes Road, Bangalore - 560025.Ph.: 080-43003651

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of L.I.C. Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL), under Securitization & Reconstructions of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued Demand Notice to following Borrowers/Mortgagors calling upon them to repay the outstanding due amount mentioned in the said notices. However, The Borrowers/Mortgagors having failed to repay the said due amount, the undersigned has taken PHYSICAL POSSESSION of the following properties in exercise of powers conferred U/s 13(4) and U/s 14 of the said Act read with the Rule 8 of the said Rules.

Loan No./ Name of Borrower/Co–Borrower	Property Address and Flat Area/ UDS of land	Date of Demand Notice	Flat details and Bank Account Details for EMD payment Beneficiary Name : LIC Housing Finance Ltd Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB IFSC Code : UTIB0CCH274
Loan No.:- 400000000032 Name:-M/s. MK Builders, Mr. P.Krishna Murthy & Mrs. P. Madhavi	Flat No's G10 (Ground Floor),G11 (Ground Floor),118 (First Floor),210 (Second Floor),213 (Second Floor),310 (Third Floor),410 (Fourth Floor) & 413 (Fourth Floor) of project SRI SAI LAKE VILLA, an apartment at property bearing Municipal Sl.No:291/Sy.No:6/2, Property No:3 (Previously converted land measuring 1 Acre in Sy.No:6/2, situated at Balegeri Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, land covered for non-agricultural residential purposes vide Official Memorandum dt:19-10-2011 vide No: ALN (EVH) SR/289/2011-12, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) presently situated at Varthur, Bangalore, within the limits and administration of Whitefield Sub Division of BBMP, Bangalore and bounded on the East By: Land in Sy.No:7/2 and remaining land in Sy.No:6/2, West By: Remaining land in Sy.No:6/2, North By: Kaluve, South By: Road and remaining land in Sy. No: 6/2.	17/01/2019	

No.	Flat No.	Super Built-up Area (sft)	Reserve Price of Flat (Rs.)	EMD 10% (Rs.)	EMD Transfer Account No.
1	G10	1105	44,20,000	4,42,000	HFLESCP32BAG10
2	G11	1110	44,40,000	4,44,000	HFLESCP32BAG11
3	118	1540	61,60,000	6,16,000	HFLESCP32BA118
4	210	1105	44,20,000	4,42,000	HFLESCP32BA210
5	213	1530	61,20,000	6,12,000	HFLESCP32BA213
6	310	1105	44,20,000	4,42,000	HFLESCP32BA310
7	410	1105	44,20,000	4,42,000	HFLESCP32BA410
8	413	1530	61,20,000	6,12,000	HFLESCP32BA413

E-AUCTION Date	13-MARCH-2023
Last date of submission of e-Bid form	11-MARCH-2023

1. E-Auction is being held on 'As is where is Basis', **'As is what is Basis', 'Whatever there is' And 'Without Any Recourse Basis',** and will be conducted **"Online".**
2. The intending bidders are advised to visit **https://online.lichousing.com/eauction/** for the details of the properties in the website and for taking part in the bid is there after redirected to the E-Auction service provider **"M/s. 4closure portal" - https://bankauctions.in/** and proceed further.
3. The successful bidder/s shall deposit 25% of the amount of sale price, adjusting the EMD paid already, immediately on acceptance of offer by the Authorized officer in respect of the sale, failing which the earnest money deposited shall be forfeited. The balance 75% of the sale price is payable within 15 days from the date of confirmation of the sale solely at the discretion of the Authorized Officer. In case of failure to deposit the balance amount within the prescribed period, the amount deposited shall be forfeited. The Authorized Officer shall not be required to give any further notice of forfeiture to the successful bidder.
4. **Bidding increment fixed for 1 Lakh increment per BID.**
5. Bidders are bound by the principle of **"caveat emptor"** (Buyer Beware) and advised to conduct their own due diligence to find any encumbrances, statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, Income Tax, Excise Duty, Labour Dues, electricity and maintenance dues etc., of the firm or Secured Asset. The Successful bidders shall have to bear all outgoing i.e., municipal taxes, maintenance/society charges, electricity charges, water charges, stamp duty, registration charges, taxes, or any other duties ,if any and all other incidentals charges, cost including all outgoing relating to the respective properties other than the sale price.
6. The L.I.C Housing Finance Limited reserves the right to CANCEL / ACCEPT / REJECT / ALTER / MODIFY / POSTPONE the TENDER SALE / AUCTION without giving any reason whatsoever or prior Notice.

Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
L.I.C Housing Finance Ltd, Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to General Public that my client Sri. S. H. Sathish, S/o. Late Sri. Hanumanthappa, aged about 54 years, presently residing at T. Dasarahalli, Bangalore, has lost the original registered sale deed, dated 30/04/2009, executed by Sri.Siddappa and others in favour of Smt. G. Vedavathi W/o. Sri. Venkatesh, registered as document no.PNY-1-00315-2009-2010, in book I, stored in CD no. PNYD426, on 30/04/2009, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Peenya, with respect to Site no. 36, measuring900 Sq., Ft, which is morefully described as schedule property mentioned below and the same is not traceable. If found inform to Smt. B. Mallika, Advocate, whose address is mentioned as below, within eight days from the date of publication.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Residential Vacant property bearing Site no.36, formed out of Assessment no.65/2, previously under the limits of City Municipal Council, Dasarahalli, Ward no.08 presently comes under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward no. 14, bearing Khatha no. 2172, Situated at BAGALAGUNTE Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Site measuring East to West: 30-00 feet and North to South : 30-00 feet, in all measuring 900Sq. ft., and bounded on:

East by : Road; West by : Other's property of the same Assessment no. 65/2; North by : Other's property of the same Assessment no. 65/2;
South by : Previously remaining portion of the same Assessment no. 65/2 property, presently Road.

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Jadeja fined for applying cream without permission

Ravindra Jadeja was fined 25 per cent of his match fee for applying cream on the swollen index finger of his bowling hand without taking permission from the on-field umpires on the first day of the match. His act had the Australian media "interested", but the ICC said the cream was applied to the finger purely for medical purposes and it did not change the condition of the ball.

India's players shake hands with Australian batters after completing the win on Day 3 in Nagpur on Saturday | AFP

Spinners turn Aussies into dust in three days

FIROZ MIRZA @ Nagpur

SCOREBOARD: Australia 1st innings: 177. **India 1st innings (o/n 321-7):** Rohit b Cummins 120, Rahul c&b Murphy 20. Ashwin lbw Murphy 23; Pujara c Boland b Murphy 7, Kohli c Carey b Murphy 12, Yadav b Lyon 8, Jadeja b Murphy 70, Bharat lbw b Murphy 8, Patel b Cummins 84, Shami c Carey b Murphy 37, Siraj n.o 1. **Extras** (b6, lb1, nb3) 10. **Total** (139.3 ovs) 400. **FoW:** 1-76, 2-118, 3-135, 4-151, 5-168, 6-229, 7-240, 8-328, 9-380, 10-400. **Bowling:** Cummins 20.3-3-78-2, Boland 17-4-34-0, Lyon 49-13-126-1, Murphy 47-12-124-7, Labuschagne 5-0-24-0, Renshaw 1-0-7-0.

Australia 2nd innings: Khawaja c Kohli b Ashwin 5, Warner lbw Ashwin 10, Labuschagne lbw Jadeja 17, Smith n.o 25, Renshaw lbw Ashwin 2, Handscomb lbw Ashwin 6, Carey lbw Ashwin 10, Cummins c Bharat b Jadeja 1, Murphy c Sharma b Patel 2, Lyon b Shami 8, Boland lbw Shami 0. **Extras** (lb1, nb4) 5. **Total** (32.3 ovs) 91. **FoW:** 1-7, 2-26, 3-34, 4-42, 5-52, 6-64, 7-67, 8-75, 9-88, 10-91.; **Bowling:** Shami 4.3-1-13-2, Ashwin 12-3-37-5, Siraj 1-1-0-0, Jadeja 12-3-34-2, Patel 3-0-6-1.

ON February 11, 1981, chasing 143 runs at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Australia were bowled out for 83, their lowest total in a Test innings against India. Kapil Dev claimed a five-for as India levelled the three-match series 1-1 with the win. The record still stands.

Exactly 42 years later, India served yet another ignominy to the Aussies. This time the current number 1 side in the format were bowled out for 91, their lowest total in a Test innings on Indian soil. The thrashing by an innings and 132 runs on Saturday in the first Test of the four-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy also means the hosts have taken a step forward in their quest for a berth in the World Test Championship final scheduled in June. Playing in Indian conditions against top-class spinners like R Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja has always been a difficult proposition and only a few teams have managed to come out unscathed once they were thrown into the battlefield. Australia are one among the few. The most recent case is their famous 333-run win in the Pune Test back in 2017. On a dry, turning pitch, the visitors had handed the hosts their first Test defeat at home since 2012.

So, when a slow and dry surface was rolled out at the VCA Stadium, Jamtha in Nagpur, the Pat Cummins-led side was expected to be competitive. But as it turned out, they were annihilated inside three days and their second innings couldn't even last a session.

What went wrong and the Australian captain's response was, "Hard to know." Elaborating further, he said: "That will be the review in the next few days. I think everyone came with pretty clear plans. I think the challenge is under the furnace to be brave enough to be proactive at the time. That will be the conversations over the next couple of days. We faced some pretty tough bowlers at times."

Ashwin's experience to the fore

Once India were bowled out for 400 two minutes before lunch, the last thing Australia needed was a meltdown. But their worst fear came true as Ashwin tormented their batters with his trickery, claiming 5/37 in his 12 overs in the process, to force them to surrender meekly. Jadeja and Mohammed Shami scalped two wickets apiece while Axar Patel bagged one. Australia's match aggregate of 268 from the contest is their lowest in a Test against India when bowled out twice. The previous lowest came in the 2004 Mumbai Test when they were bundled out for 203 and 93.

After the loss, Steven Smith, Australia's vice-captain, admitted while talking to the official broadcaster that they batted poorly in the first innings. He also wanted batters to be more proactive. Cummins agreed with his deputy. "Potentially. I think that's fair. You saw Smithy and Alex Carey at times put the pressure back on the bowlers. I think it takes a bit of bravery, it's easier said than done. If you're just facing ball after ball and the bowler's pretty good, you're going to get one with your name on it. Again, that will be the conversation this week. If we get the same conditions, same bowlers, what are we going to do differently? I think at times probably being more proactive."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

One-handed offie steals show at nets

FIROZ MIRZA @ Nagpur

WITH India comfortably placed at the end of second day's play at the VCA Stadium in Nagpur, Australian batters knew it was only a matter of time. Yet they they had to try and bat as long as possible if they wish to save the inaugural Test of the four-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

That did not happen despite Steven Smith, Marnus Labuschagne, Matt Renshaw and Peter Handscomb hitting the nets in the morning on Saturday. As Indian spinners including off-break bowler R Ashwin troubled them in the first essay, they wanted to face an offie. There were several bowlers, but one among them stood out. Gurudas Raut. He was bowling with one arm. He suffers with congenital amputation of his left-arm with below-the-elbow section missing.

Despite being a medium-pacer, Raut bowled off spin for the Aussie batters. It was a rare sight for the visitors and Labuschagne was particularly impressed with what he had just faced at the Jamtha nets. "Labuschagne was surprised as well as impressed. 'I have never seen a one-handed bowler bowling so well,' he complimented me," Raut told this daily even as he waited for more batters to reach the nets in the afternoon.

India opener Shubman Gill, Ravindra Jadeja, wicketkeeper-batters Ishan Kishan and KS Bharat also faced Raut during their respective training sessions. Ishan, whom Raut claimed to have got out twice during the session, was all praise for the bowler. In a video message shared by Raut, Ishan could be heard praising the bowler by saying, "You actually bowled very well. Just keep doing the hard work and ignore the outside noise. Keep bowling the way you have been doing."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

KEY PLAYERS

As India begin their quest to get hold of their first senior WC trophy, a look at the players who are expected to play a crucial role...

Deepti Sharma

Dependable. That's the word. Her credentials with the ball are well established, but it's her newfound ability to take on bowlers in the death overs that will be important. Bottomline is that for India to succeed, Deepti should have a good outing

Richa Ghosh

The wicketkeeper batter didn't do much in the U19 WC, but here, her firing with the bat in the middle-order is crucial. And she is capable of it. It all might come down to what her entry point is. Without a doubt, she is going to be the X-factor

Shafali Verma

She was the star of the 2020 T20 WC. However, teams have figured out how to bowl to her and she hasn't been able to deliver with the same consistency. With Smriti Mandhana carrying an injury, her role becomes even more important

Harmanpreet Kaur

The skipper is the backbone of this side. Her injury is not a good sign for India, but it seems like he should be taking the field on Sunday. Unlike the 2020 edition, she will have to contribute a lot more with the bat if she is keen on taking the team all the way

Radha Yadav

The left-arm spinner, at one point, had a streak of taking wickets in 28 consecutive T20Is. Despite her indifferent form in the lead-up to the WC, she has the backing of the captain and is expected to do well. That she is a gun fielder only adds to it

LET THE SHOW BEGIN

Harmanpreet the skipper will be critical as India go in search of global gold

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Express @ Women's T20 World Cup
CAPE TOWN

JUST as the Pakistan contingent finish their practice session, there is a sense of calm at the Newlands Cricket Ground in Cape Town. At the foot of the magnificent Table Mountain, the Sun is beating down on the groundstaff who are painting the outfield with advertisements ahead of a much-hyped clash. India versus Pakistan.

Less than 24 hours ago, the ground had a completely different outlook. It was filled with local supporters for the opening game of the tournament between hosts South Africa and Sri Lanka. Even in an empty stadium now, the buzz is evident. Not just the stadium, but the entire city is buzzing. If you step out of the Western Province Cricket Association, it is hard to walk around without noticing the banners with the words "Turn it up" — the official anthem of the tournament — with the logo of the event.

The result on Friday might not have been what all the fans who were at the stadium wanted — Sri Lanka trumped South Africa in a last-ball finish — but it was probably just what the tournament needed to get all the attention towards itself. It was an upset to say the least. Now, the stadium is getting ready for an all Asian day out, with Sri Lanka taking on Bangladesh following the India-Pakistan game.

While the hype for the opening game is building up on and off the field, the Indian contingent will be missing their star opener, Smriti Mandhana, on Sunday. The southpaw had injured her finger during a warm-up clash against Australia, but, as reported by this daily, she is expected to be fit for the second game. It was a bit surprising to see batting coach Hrishikesh Kanitkar address the media on Sunday — every team had their captain on the dias before their opening game — however, he confirmed that skipper Harmanpreet Kaur is fit and will lead the team against Pakistan.

To not have Harmanpreet and Mandhana would have been a massive dent for India. After all, the skipper has been at the centre of this team, not just in the batting order, but as a group as well. Ask any player in this group their thoughts on Harmanpreet, the captain, one sentence remains common during the conversations. 'She always backs the player when she sees something in them'. "Harry di, as a leader, if you do well and perform, she will back you like anything. She will say, 'you don't need to worry, just go out and express your game, I'm there for you'. That kind of backing from a captain assures the player, and as a youngster it is very important," Yastika Bhatia had told this daily earlier.

Former India skipper Mamatha Maben agrees too. "It is very perceivable now that they have come together more as a team. I felt that she was not a natural captain when she started off but she has evolved now into a more mature captain. It is something she learnt over the course of playing. There is still room for improvement, but I feel from the last couple of years, she is in a better place now," said Mamatha. The way she handled the controversies that were raised around the run out at non-striker's end at Lord's is a perfect example of how much she has grown as a captain. But at some level, one has to admit that it has not come without playing in the overseas leagues, Harmanpreet has thrived and gained experience. "She takes on information and she wants to be a part of things. She might not be the loudest in the dressing room but she will always be very very vocal out in the field and Sophie Molineux, our new captain (2021). She certainly enjoyed her experience and her knowledge and advice at different times," says Simon Helmot, who was her coach at Melbourne Renegades.

But this time, she has a real test ahead of her. This tournament has six games and one loss upfront could put the team on the backfoot early on as it has with South Africa. Which is why she will be all the more crucial on Sunday. However, all said and done, India should at least qualify for the semifinals. Things will have to go horribly wrong for them to not do so. "It has been the case for a while now," says Mamatha. "It is the last two games that we struggle with. If they make sure they field better and adapt to the situations, this time they still have a chance. The pitches, it seems, also might assist spin this time, which could be an advantage as well."

In the previous T20 WC as well as the Commonwealth Games, the team had come inches within glory. This time, with the U-19 stars having shown the way, the seniors are more determined than ever to go all the way. And for that, they have to begin well on Sunday. Let the show begin.

(top) Indian players will be hoping for a strong start; England's Sophie Ecclestone (R) rejoices after taking a wicket against West Indies in Paarl on Saturday. England won the Group B contest by seven wickets & 33 balls to spare | PTI/AFP

Asians in focus

It's an all-subcontinent day out at Newlands, Cape Town as the four neighbouring countries will be in action one after the other. A look...

PAKISTAN SEEK REPEAT

When Nida Dar rose to the occasion, helping Pakistan beat India in the 2022 Asia Cup, it was a massive result for them. Despite the hype attached to the two countries, the contests between the women's teams have largely been one-sided towards India. This time, however, Pakistan have senior pros like Aliya Riaz in form they would be hoping to change it.

UPBEAT SL TAKE ON B'DESH

Sri Lankan skipper Chamari Athapaththu rose to the occasion, causing a major upset to the hosts in the opening game. Against Bangladesh, they would want to do the same, but they know better to not take the Nigar Sultana-led side lightly. Bangladesh have come prepared, and might just make things interesting in Group B should they beat Sri Lanka.

2 Bangladesh haven't won a T20 WC game since 2014, when they won two matches

158.25

Shafali Verma has the highest SR in T20 WCs for player with more than 35 runs in the event

TODAY'S MATCHES AT CAPE TOWN

India vs Pakistan, 6.30 PM;

SL vs Bangladesh, 10.30 PM

Live on Star Sports Network

SA SHOCKED BY SL

Sri Lanka kicked off the World Cup in style as they overcame hosts South Africa at Newlands, Cape Town. Chamari Athapaththu (68) and Vishmi Gunarathne (35) survived some high quality pace bowling to set the tone before their bowlers, Inoka Ranaweera (3/18) and Oshadi Ranasinghe (2/20), did the job with the ball to secure a three-run victory in a last-ball thriller.

Brief scores: Sri Lanka 129/4 in 20 ovs (Chamari 68; Marizanne 1/15) bt South Africa 126/9 in 20 ovs (Sune 28; Inoka 3/18).

Events in India a chance for Nagal & Co to rally

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

INDIAN men's tennis has never had it so good. At least in the recent past. Before April 2nd week, there are going to be a total of seven international events, including three Challengers, slated to be hosted in the country. Considering the country has not hosted this many events in such a short space of time, it's a welcome relief for the players whose one familiar refrain has been a 'lack of events at home'.

The problem, though, is Indian men's tennis has never had it so bad. At least in the recent past. There's not a single player ranked inside the Top-300. The best is Prajnesh Gunneswaran, who's No.306. The second-best is Sasikumar Mukund (No. 398). Net effect? They will have to rely on wild cards to make the main draw of these Challengers. Two of them — Gunneswaran and Ramkumar Ramanathan — have received wild cards for the Chennai Open, which begins on Monday (qualifiers from Sunday). It doesn't help that some established names have totally turned their backs on singles play altogether. This drop in standards was felt in last week's Davis Cup where India lost to Denmark to be relegated to World Group II for the first time ever.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS IN COUNTRY TILL APRIL 9

Challengers in India

Chennai; Bengaluru; Pune

ITF World Tour meets

New Delhi; Lucknow; Mysuru; Chennai

Wild card entrant Leo Borg, son of legend Bjorn, at a practice session on Saturday | ASHWIN PRASATH

It's in this context that the three back-to-back Challengers gains some significance. Ramanathan, whose rankings have been on a downward trend for a while before it dipped sharply to 438 last December (it's now 412), spoke about the importance of the upcoming swing. "It's always good to have back-to-back events at home," he said. "We know the conditions here, they won't be alien to us."

One of the things being blamed for India's no show in singles is the bizarre preference of the players to become doubles specialists. Ramanathan, whose doubles career has blossomed off late, though, refused to rule out a resurgence in his singles career. "I always enjoy playing doubles. I play doubles in every event when I play singles. But it's not like I have stopped playing singles. The only secret to climbing back up is hard work and I will keep doing that." He also refused blame the team for the Davis Cup loss to Denmark.

One player who did play and lose in Denmark was Sumit Nagal, another player who has been in the fringes (122). He's now ranked 509. On Sunday morning, he will play one of the first qualifying matches. A win would do not only him but provide Indian men's singles tennis a tonic.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Saurashtra, Bengal inch closer to final

BENGALURU: Skipper Arpit Vasavada hit a double century as Saurashtra took a 120-run first innings lead against Karnataka to put one foot in the Ranji Trophy final. Vasavada made 202 off 406 balls to help team finish their first innings at 527 in reply to Karnataka's 407. In Indore, Bengal attained a lead of 547 runs against Madhya Pradesh.

Arsenal held by Brentford in EPL

LONDON: Premier League leaders Arsenal were held to a 1-1 draw by Brentford here. Leandro Trossard had put the Gunners in front in the 66th minute but Ivan Toney scored the equaliser within eight minutes. With the result, Arsenal are now six points ahead of Man City, who'll be in action on Sunday.

Vergne tops Hyderabad E-Prix, Rowland 6th

AGENCIES @ Hyderabad

THE seasoned Jean-Eric Vergne of DS Penske won an action-packed Hyderabad E-Prix here on Saturday, marking a successful return of a high-profile motorsport event in India. The 33-lap electric race had thrills both on and off the track.

The organisers raced against time to get the Hyderadbad Street Circuit ready for Formula E's debut in India but in the end, they pulled off the event amid a lot of fanfare.

Vergne held off a strong challenge from Envison Racing's Nick Cassidy to cross the chequered flag in the first place despite having less than 0.5 per cent energy left in the car.

Antonio Felix Da Costa of Porsche gained from a 17-second penalty handed out to Sebastian Buemi for 'over power' to secure the final spot on the podium.

Mahindra Racing, in their first home race, recovered from an ordinary qualifying session earlier in the day to seal a points finish via Oliver Rowland. Rowland finished sixth from 10th on the grid while di Grassi came 14th from 17th on the grid. Loss of energy in the final moments of the race cost Mahindra a double points finish. Jake Hughes' crash on lap on Lap 23 brought out the safety car, contributing to a thrilling finish.

Mitch Evans of Jaguar Racing bagged the pole position but a collision with his teammate Sam Bird on Lap 13 effectively ended the race for the Tata Group-owned team.

Kris Gopalakrishnan

Decision-making, confidence key to success: Kris

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IMPARTING some of the most valuable lessons outside of a classroom and a workspace, Kris Gopalakrishnan, chairman, Axilor Ventures, and co-founder of the Indian tech giant Infosys said, "Making decisions, building self-confidence and creating a network of friends play a key role in one's life."

He was speaking on *'The Job Market'* at the ThinkEdu Conclave 2023 in Chennai on Friday.

In a speech peppered with his views on the current state of India's economy, India's "exemplary" role in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic, the strength of Indian technology giants and opportunities for the youth, Gopalakrishnan said, "Our youth is our strength and their productivity and talent will make the economy grow faster and larger."

Speaking of the digital and digitalisation revolutions in the country, he said even a calamity can convert itself into an opportunity if the digital wave is ridden well.

"Digitalisation is transforming healthcare. We saw how well the vaccinations were administered to billions using the CoWIN app the Indian government built," he said. Illustrating how the banking industry has adopted technology, Kris said the Indian market the most receptive to technology.

Montek sees growth target, cut in fiscal deficit as positives in budget

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ECONOMIST and former deputy chairman of the Planning Commission, Montek Singh Ahluwalia said the recent budget presented by the Modi-led BJP government scored well by aiming to reduce the fiscal deficit and focusing on growth spurred by an increase in capital expenditure. Ahluwalia was speaking on 'Resilience and Reorientation: Tomorrow's Economy' at the ThinkEdu Conclave in Chennai on Friday.

In a session chaired by SASTRA university Vice-Chancellor Dr S Vaidhyasubramaniam, Ahluwalia said, "The target of 6.5% growth is good as it is ambitious when the rest of the world is going to be in a bad shape. Most international organisations are predicting positive growth in India, along the 6.1% range."

He, however, added that the revival of private investment was key for the economy to witness a growth spurt.

Even as there is a significant budget apportioned to creating infrastructure, he pointed out that the role of state governments in earmarking budgets for capital expenditure and the Centre resolving problems of land acquisition are the two red flags that need to be addressed.

In addition to his commentary on the budget, his address bore a note of caution for policymakers and economists who face multiple challenges in a world where many economies are battling volatility.

He urged them to create a bulwark for the agricultural sector to withstand the shocks of climate change.

Drought-proofing the agriculture sector from the impact of unseasonal rains and a patchy monsoon in certain arid regions was a necessary step to protect the economy, he said.

Former deputy chairman of Planning Commission, Montek Singh Ahluwalia in conversation with SASTRA university V-C Dr S Vaidhyasubramaniam | R SATISH BABU

'BHARAT NEEDS TO SNATCH HER STORY BACK FROM DELHI'

Vikram Sampath

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"THERE is a dire need for India and Indians to stay acquainted with enlightened royal dynasties from southern and eastern India, historian Vikram Sampath said while speaking at the ThinkEdu Conclave in Chennai on Friday.

"It is only after a Tamil film named *Ponniyin Selvan* was released that many were aware of the great Chola Dynasty. A number of royal houses don't even feature in this larger narrative that we call the history of India.

The Ahom ruled for 600 long years (in northeast India), but how much of their story forms a part of the history?" he asked.

Speaking at a session titled *'One Nation, Many Histories: The Paradox of Uniformity'*, said, "Bharat needs to snatch back her story from Delhi."

Stating that outside voices are being strangled in the arena of history, he said that in the decades following independence the stranglehold of ideology of one kind of group had destroyed the careers of many in academia.

"Many like me have a PhD in History but have opted to not be part of the academic set-up because there are people who still think I am not good enough to be on the inside."

Understand pace of change, groom the youth, says Narayanan Ramaswamy

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THERE is an urgent need to understand the pace of change the world demands and our educational institutions need to adapt to this in order to ensure future generations are current in their outlook and offerings, said Narayanan Ramaswamy, national leader of Education and Skill Development at KPMG India, in Chennai on Friday.

He was in conversation with Mela Ventures managing partner Parthasarathy NS at the ThinkEdu Conclave.

"Change has always been there but now there has been an increased acceleration in the pace of change. We should be cognizant of the pace of the change and I am worried whether our educational institutions are keeping pace with that change," he said.

Ramaswamy also pointed out that while the National Education Policy (NEP) focuses on being learner-centric rather than teacher-centric, an appropriate ecosystem needs to be created to honour this change.

Parthasarathy urged the youth to keep upskilling themselves to avoid becoming 'obsolete'.

"Many in their youth feel learning ends upon acquiring a degree. In fact, that is when learning begins," he said.

He further stressed the need for a continual learning programme to be integrated into professional development.

Urging the youth not to worry about layoffs, Parthasarathy said the trend is nothing new and it is part of the economy that is impacted by many global factors.

Parthasarathy NS and Narayanan Ramaswamy | R SATISH BABU

Preetha Reddy, executive vice chairperson, Apollo Hospital enterprise, in conversation with Dr Sumanth C Raman; (R) members of the audience participating in the Thinkedu conclave| R SATISH BABU

Edu Next: NETF Chairman speaks about AI, AR

Anil Sahasrabudhe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chennai

THE adoption of technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Augmented Reality (AR) lend promise and will drive growth in the education sector, Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman, National Educational Technology Forum (NETF) during the ThinkEdu Conclave in Chennai on Friday.

Speaking at a session titled, *'Into the Future: Adapting to Change,'* the chairman said discussions about the overarching role of technology and AI and its influence over people should also include the use of technology for the betterment of society. "To understand how certain technological domains such as rocket engines etc perform can be easily simulated by AR. Learning to learn becomes easier with these technologies," he said.

XPLORE

Musk's Neuralink probed over its device shipments

Contaminated material were removed from infected monkeys without safe packaging

TECH

ELON Musk's brain-implant company Neuralink is being probed over its shipping methods after an animal rights group contacted the US Department of Transportation, US officials said.

The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine said that public records show untrained Neuralink employees transported "contaminated" devices that were removed from the brains of "infected" monkeys without safely packaging them.

The incidents are said to have taken place in 2019 at the University of California, Davis, where experiments on rhesus macaques were performed.

Neuralink is one of many groups working on linking brains to computers, efforts aimed at helping treat brain disorders, overcoming brain injuries and other applications.

The origins of the technology dates back to the 1960s, but significant advances have been made in recent years.

Late last year, in a live-streamed "show and tell" presentation, Musk said his team is in the process of seeking approval from US regulators to test his company's device.

He said at the time that the company should be able to put the implant in a human brain as part of a clinical trial in about six months, though that timeline is far from certain.

The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) said medical files it obtained for the monkeys suggest that transported neural devices may have been contaminated with antibiotic-resistant pathogens. These pathogens included Staphylococcus and Klebsiella, which can cause pneumonia, bloodstream infections, and meningitis.

The group said the devices have also have been contaminated with Corynebacterium ulcerans, an "emerging human pathogen" that can produce fatal diphtheria.

The devices may also have come from monkeys infected with Herpes B.

"The records suggest that Neuralink's sloppy practices pose a danger to public health and safety," Deborah Dubow Press, Esq., associate general counsel with the Physicians Committee, said.

Neuralink, based in Fremont, California did not immediately respond to a request for comment from *The Associated Press*.The Transportation Department's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration is conducting the investigation.

PAST ISSUES

PCRM has raised concerns about Neuralink in the past. Last year, it wrote to federal officials about alleged animal-welfare issues during Neuralink's partnership with UC Davis

East Germany's last Left leader passes away

IN MEMORIAM

BERLIN: Hans Modrow, who served as East Germany's last communist leader during a turbulent tenure that ended in the country's first and only free election, has died. He was 95.

Modrow died early Saturday, the Left party parliamentary group tweeted.

Modrow, a reform-minded communist, took over East Germany shortly after the Berlin Wall fell and later invited opposition forces into the government. However, he could not slow the gathering momentum for German reunification. "The entire peaceful course of establishing German unity was precisely a special achievement of his," the Left wrote on Twitter. "That will remain his political legacy."

During 16 years as communist party chief in Dresden, starting in 1973, Modrow built a reputation as an anti-establishment figure. He rejected party perks and insisted on living in a normal apartment.

A post in East Germany's top leadership eluded him until he was made prime minister, a position that previously carried little clout, in November 1989 — days after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

When hard-line leader Egon Krenz and his ruling Politburo resigned in early December, Modrow emerged as East Germany's top political figure.

But the communists could no longer call the shots on their own.

The following month, he agreed to share power with the increasingly vocal opposition and moved up East Germany's landmark first free election to March 1990, amid growing unrest.

Even as pro-democracy rallies rapidly took on a pro-unification flavor, the communists initially had opposed talk of reunification.

In February 1990, however, Modrow urged talks with West Germany toward an eventual "united fatherland" that would be independent of military blocs and governed by a joint parliament in Berlin.

Modrow headed the election campaign of the restyled communists, the Party of Democratic Socialism, but his personal popularity was not enough to prevent them finishing as only the third-strongest party, with 16% support.

The winner was an alliance of conservative parties that favored quick reunification and was backed by the government of West German leader Helmut Kohl. Germany reunited under Kohl's leadership and as a NATO member on October 3, 1990, less than a year after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

West German chancellor Helmut Kohl, (L) waves as he stands with then East German PM Hans Modrow | AP

ChatGPT now clears med test

TECH

NEW YORK: The artificial intelligence system scored passing or near passing results on the US medical licensing exam, according to a study published on Thursday.

"Reaching the passing score for this notoriously difficult expert exam, and doing so without any human reinforcement, marks a notable milestone in clinical AI maturation," said the authors of the study published in the journal *PLOS* Digital Health. "These results suggest that large language models may have the potential to assist with medical education, and potentially, clinical decision-making," they said.

ChatGPT, which is able to produce essays, poems and programming code within seconds, was developed by OpenAI, a California-based startup.

SHHH... IT'S A SECRET

A masked reveller wearing traditional carnival costumes poses during the carnival in Venice on Saturday | AFP

FACT OF THE MATTER

Revealing Charles III's emblem

CORONATION

The official emblem of King Charles III's coronation, created by former Apple chief designer Jony Ive and his associates, honours the monarch's love of nature by joining the flora that symbolise the four nations of the United Kingdom in a single image. The rose of England, the thistle of Scotland, the daffodil of Wales and the shamrock of Northern Ireland form a picture of St. Edward's Crown, which will be placed on the new king's head on May 6.

Preserving Black kids schoolhouse

MUSEUM

A building believed to be the oldest surviving schoolhouse for Black children in the US was hoisted onto a flatbed truck and moved a half-mile on Friday to Colonial Williamsburg, a Virginia museum that continues to expand its emphasis on African American history. Built 25 years before the American Revolution, the original structure stood near the college campus of William & Mary. The pinewood building held as many as 30 students.